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Plainwell Farmers' Market opens Thursday in new downtown location

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A familiar community favorite returns this week with a fresh look and a new home.

The Plainwell Farmers' Market opens its 2026 season today (Thursday, May 7), with a move to Hicks Park in downtown Plainwell.

The market will run from 3 to 6:30 p.m. each Thursday through Sept. 24.

Located at 101 Allegan St., Hicks Park puts the market in a central downtown setting, offering a more walkable and inviting space for vendors and visitors alike.

"This is a fantastic spot—easy to walk to, plenty of shade, and right inside the Social District, making it the perfect place to shop, relax, and enjoy the afternoon downtown," market organizers said.

The weekly market will once again feature a wide variety of offerings, including fresh produce, baked goods, flowers and handmade items. Early-season items are expected to include asparagus, rhubarb, radishes and plant starters.

Opening day will feature a full lineup of vendors, including: Kimmie's Creations LLC, Rockin K Farms, Gee Dee Bees, Bad Girl from Brimstone, Nic-Nik's Unique Night Lights, Argenta Jewelry, Viking Bakery Breads LLC, L&P Creations, On the Brink LLC, Rachel's Knitted Hats and Such, Jules Jewelry, Whisk and Wishes, Mike's Classic Chips, Everyday Carry and More, KK Creations, 4 Crows Creations and Blended 8 & Body Butter by Kay.

Food trucks will also be part of the opening-day experience, with Army Dog, Cousins Maine Lobster (Kalamazoo) and Kona Ice set up along Bridge Street next to the park.

"Stroll the market, grab some amazing food, support local makers, and enjoy a beautiful afternoon in downtown Plainwell," organizers said.

The market has long been a staple of the community, drawing residents and visitors alike each summer, and organizers say the new location adds to the overall experience.

"Bring your friends, bring the family, and come check out our new home at Hicks Park," organizers said.

Otsego, Plainwell seniors named Wolverine Conference Scholar Athletes

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A pair of seniors from both Otsego and Plainwell have been recognized for their accomplishments in the classroom and in athletics as part of the Wolverine Conference Scholar Athlete program.

This year's honorees from Otsego are Rebekah Stachura and Carter Shattuck, while Plainwell's selections are Hiro Nguyen and Gwen Todd.

At Otsego, Stachura competed in cross country and track and field during her high school career, while Shattuck was a three-sport athlete in soccer, bowling and track and field.

"The Wolverine Scholar Athlete Award honors seniors who have participated in multiple varsity sports and have earned high honors academically," Otsego athletic director John Kubiak said. "Both student-athletes have a high GPA and outstanding test scores."

Kubiak also pointed to their impact beyond the numbers.

"They are high-character kids, great teammates and will compete in any role that you give them," he said.

At Plainwell, Nguyen participated in cross country, swimming and track and field, while Todd competed in cross country, basketball and track and field.

"Hiro and Gwen were selected due to their high achievement in the classroom and during standardized testing," Plainwell athletic director Melissa Preston said. "Ultimately, they are fantastic individuals and supportive teammates."

Preston said both student-athletes have successfully balanced the demands of multiple sports with their academic responsibilities.

"They've worked hard to balance multiple sports along with the demands of the classroom," she said.

Each year, the Wolverine Conference Scholar Athlete Award honors two seniors from each member school.

The award highlights seniors who have distinguished themselves not only through their performance in competition, but also through their commitment to academics and their role as leaders within their school communities.

"The Wolverine Scholar Athlete Award honors seniors who have participated in multiple varsity sports and have earned high honors academically," Kubiak said.

Otsego's Carter Shattuck and Rebekah Stachura

Plainwell's Hiro Nguyen and Gwen Todd

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Ladders of Hope Annual Bash Raises Spirits — and Hope — for Pantry's Future

By Art Nicholas

FENNVILLE — Under a starry Friday evening sky, supporters of Ladders of Hope Food Pantry gathered at Fenn Valley Vineyards & Wine Cellar on May 1 for an evening of music, fine food, and shared purpose. The annual Bash & Fundraiser, the pantry's signature event, brought together donors, volunteers, board members, and community partners for what organizers described as one of the most spirited gatherings in the organization's recent history.

The evening opened at 6 p.m. with guests sipping selections from Fenn Valley's award-winning wine list — the vineyard served as the event's hosting sponsor — while catering by LuLu Cadieux filled the venue with the aromas of a thoughtfully prepared menu. They also donated all the food and their services for the event. Live music carried through the room as a silent auction took shape across long tables lined with contributions from more than 30 local businesses. Bidders competed for handcrafted goods, gift baskets, weekend getaways, and dining experiences from across Allegan County, with paddles raised in friendly competition throughout the night.

Tickets were $60 each, with every dollar going directly to support the more than 7,000 Allegan County residents the pantry serves each year. But this year's Bash carried a deeper purpose. Beyond the festivities, the event served as the public launch of Ladders of Hope's most ambitious undertaking to date: the 2025/2026 Building Expansion Project.

"Over 100 people (109) attended. Between the live auction, silent auction, raffle, and ticket sales, we raised over $40,000 which will be used to fight food insecurity in Allegan County. We couldn't do the Bash without sponsors like Lulu Cadieux, FennValley Winery and all the businesses that donated items for our auction and I want to thank them for their contributions. I also want to thank all our volunteers. LOH couldn't operate without them." Commented Board Member Larry Boonstra.

A Pantry at a Crossroads

Founded in 2012, Ladders of Hope has grown from a small grassroots effort into one of the region's most relied-upon hunger-relief organizations. In 2025 alone, the pantry served more than 2,000 families and distributed over 165,000 pounds of food. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the pantry's client base has surged by more than 200 percent — a trend that has only continued as inflation, housing costs, and economic uncertainty stretch household budgets thin.

That growth has pushed the pantry's current facility — an aging manufactured home — to a breaking point. The building can no longer safely or efficiently meet demand. Refrigeration and dry storage are limited, restricting the pantry's ability to stock fresh produce, dairy, and other perishables. The cramped layout makes it difficult for clients to choose the items their families actually need, a model known as client choice that food pantries across the country have adopted to preserve dignity and reduce waste. Accessibility for clients with disabilities is also constrained, and volunteers regularly navigate tight, congested spaces to keep distributions moving.

Building for the Future

The proposed new facility would significantly expand cold and dry storage, allow for client self-selection, improve accessibility for clients of all abilities, and give volunteers the workspace needed to safely sort, stock, and distribute food. Those improvements would ripple outward across all of Ladders of Hope's programs.

Alongside its bi-weekly pantry distributions, the organization runs an Emergency Food Distribution program for families in immediate crisis, a Back-to-School initiative that supplies clothing and school materials for children ages 5 to 17, and an annual Christmas Program providing gifts and clothing for children ages 1 to 17. Each of these programs, leaders say, is currently constrained by the limits of the existing space.

To fund the expansion, the organization is seeking capital pledges that may be fulfilled over a 12- to 36-month period, allowing supporters to give in a way that fits their household or business budget. Pledges can be made as monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions, or as one-time gifts. The Harry & Sally Adams Jr. Charity served as the event's lead sponsor, joining Fenn Valley Vineyards in anchoring the evening's success.

How to Help

Community members who were unable to attend Friday's Bash can still support the Building Expansion Project. Pledge forms and additional information are available by contacting hadams@laddersofhopemi.org, by phone at 269-686-6456, or by mail at Ladders of Hope Food Pantry, P.O. Box 873, Fennville, MI 49408. Gifts of any size are welcomed, and donors may choose to keep their contributions anonymous. Tickets purchased Friday included a QR code linking directly to the pledge form, and that resource remains available to anyone interested in giving.

Ladders of Hope Food Pantry is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

As the auction wound down Friday night and the last bids were placed, the message of the evening was clear: in Allegan County, the need is rising — but so is the response. With each pledge made at Fenn Valley on Friday, that response is taking the shape of something tangible: a new building, a stronger pantry, and a promise that no neighbor will have to face an empty cupboard alone.

Southwick sentenced to 12.5 to 25 years for child porn

A 68-year-old Allegan County man will spend more than a dozen years in prison after pleading guilty to child porn crimes.

Edward Southwick was sentenced to between 12.5 years and 25 years in prison on charges of aggravated child sexually abuse activity and using a computer to commit a crime. The guilty plea came as multiple other charges were dropped. Southwick was credited with 93 days of time served.

The charges stem from a complaint to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office from a mother in June of 2025.

The mother had told the sheriff's office that her two daughters discovered a phone, thought to be Southwick's, recording them in a bathroom while they were changing to go swimming.

Authorities said Southwick was known to the mother and her children.

A warrant issued to examine Southwick's phone found at least 21 images that were considered child sexually abusive material (CSAM), according to case documents.

The court document says that later search warrants for the contents of other devices in Southwick's home revealed hundreds of additional CSAM images/videos and images/videos 'similar to those described above.'

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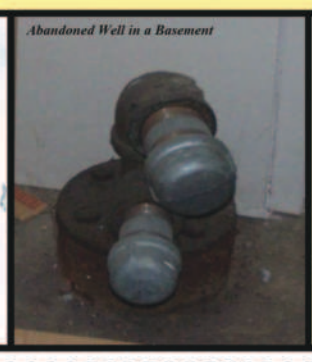
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- Is a threat to groundwater resources or may be a health or safety hazard.

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Health Hazard—Abandoned wells act as conduits for contaminants to move from the surface into deeper aquifers. Drinking water contamination has been caused by abandoned wells.

Environmental Hazard—Deteriorated well casings or open, uncased boreholes allow movement of water between previously separated aquifers. This can degrade water quality. Abandoned wells have also been used for illegal dumping of waste.

Property owners are responsible for plugging abandoned wells on their property.

HOW TO LOCATE ABANDONED WELLS

- ✔ Search for water well drilling logs or old billing statements that show well depth and well location.
- ✔ Information can be found by contacting (a) the contractor who drilled or serviced the well, (b) the local health department, or (c) the MDEQ, Geological Survey Division in Lansing.
- ✔ If there are no records available for your well, look for the following:
  - Pipes sticking out of the ground.
  - Pipes sticking through walls or floors in the basement.
  - Electrical switch boxes out in the yard.
  - Cement pits in and under sheds.
  - Old crock, brick or stone structures
  - Windmills or old hand pumps
- ✔ Metal detectors may be used for locating buried wells:
  - First, locate where the old water line exited the home or building.
  - From this point, survey the ground with the metal detector moving away from the structure.
  - Use a marker to designate the location of any readings you get.
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Two awarded scholarships at Law Day ceremony

By Gari Voss

Law Day has been celebrated on May 1st since being established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 and designated a holiday by Congress in 1961. The day emphasizes the importance in law and the legal process in protecting our liberty, working to achieve justice, and contributing to the freedoms for all Americans.

The Allegan County Bar Association and courts celebrated Law Day: "The Rule of Law and the American Dream" on Friday, May 1, 2026, at noon with the presentation of the Honorable George R. Corsiglia Scholarship and the Liberty Bell Award.

With standing room only in Court Room D, the gathering was begun by Chad Catalino, director of the public defender's office, sharing insight into what brought him into studying and working in the field of law. Some seeds to becoming a defender of the constitution begin quite young.

Attorney Heidi Wolf began the award presentations by introducing the recipient of the Judge George R. Corsiglia Scholarship. She brought to mind how "Judge Corsiglia understood, deeply and unwaveringly, that the rule of law is what makes the American Dream possible. It is the principle that no person is above the law, and that every individual is entitled to fairness, dignity, and justice. He did not see the law as abstract or flexible depending on circumstance – he believed in immutable fact, a foundation that must remain steady if it is to serve us all."

Wolf stated, "The scholarship stands as a continuation of that legacy. It recognizes a student who not only aspires to a legal career, but who understands the responsibility that comes with it – the responsibility to protect the rights of others and to ensure that the premise of the law is real for everyone."

Brooklyn Wagenaar (right) received the Judge George R. Corsiglia Scholarship from attorney Heidi Wolf during the Law Day celebration at the Allegan County Courthouse on Fri., May 1, 2026.

Brooklyn Wagenaar is a graduating senior at Plainwell High School. In her scholarship applications, she wrote, "In the future, I hope to become either a criminal defense lawyer or an immigration lawyer. I have always believed in upholding the rights of all people, and I believe that these areas set me up the best to do so."

With that, Ms. Wagenaar came forward to receive the Judge Corsiglia Scholarship and thanked the Allegan County Bar for this opportunity to move forward with her education.

Benjamin Busfield (left) listened intently as Attorney Heidi Wolf shared the many accomplishments during his work in the Mental Health Treatment Court of the 57th District Court that led him to receiving the Liberty Bell Award from the Allegan County Bar Association during the Law Day celebration on Fri., May 1, 2026.

Attorney Wolf then moved forward to present the Liberty Bell Award. The Liberty Bell is presented to an individual who is not a lawyer but has made an outstanding contribution to promoting the rule of law, civil responsibility, and public understanding of the legal system.

The 2026 award was presented to Benjamin Busfield. Throughout his career, Ben served as a Peer Support Specialist with the Mental Health Treatment Court of the 57th District Court from 2012-2024. Wolfe described him as "more than a coordinator of services, He was an advocate, a mentor, a translator, and a steady presence for individuals navigating some of the most difficult chapters of their lives. He worked alongside participants, helping them address the practical realities that can stand in the way of success, including housing, employment, transportation, treatment, and stability… He offered belief… Belief that people are more than their worst day. Belief that change is possible. Belief that every individual deserves the opportunity to pursue a better future."

Those who work with Ben know how he puts the rule of law in action and that believing can lead to the American Dream. He has dedicated his life to helping access fairness, opportunity, and hope. With that Mr. Busfield accepted the Liberty Bell Award, and with true emotion, thanked all who honored him for what he had been able to attain.

With that, Judge Christopher Burnett thanked everyone for taking time to participate in the celebration and continue to work to achieve "The Rule of Law and the American Dream".

Wayland Robotics cap season ranked 7th in State

The Wayland Wildcats First Robotics team, established in 2016, wrapped a decade of competition in Houston this past weekend with a season of wins and firsts in their FIRST Robotics 2026 season. They are ranked statistically as one of the best bots in the world with a final StatBotics ranking of 7 in Michigan, 50 in the Nation, and 65 in the World. That places Wayland near the top 1% of robots in FIRST in Michigan, and in the top 2% of robots in the Nation & World.

The season's highlights included a District Title at the State Championship on the Consumers Energy Foundation Field, a championship and undefeated run at the West Michigan District at GVSU, and a field Finalist Medal at the Muskegon District Event.

The year was also filled with many first-time accomplishments for team 6090. The team was on the #1 alliance at all of its District Events, captaining two of those alliances to titles. This team was also Wayland's first to go undefeated to win a district event at the West Michigan District, posting a 17-0 record. Plus, these 6090 kids were the first to win judged awards at all of their district events, including a State Championship-level Autonomous Award.

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EVENTS TO WATCH!

Thurs., May 7, 2026, 6pm: Great Lakes, Great Stories: Fatal Crossing. Allegan District Library
Fri., May 8 & Sat., May 9, 2026, 10am-4pm: The Old Jail Museum. Walnut Street Allegan
Sat., May 9, 2026, 9am-1pm: Plant Sale. First Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Sat., May 9-10, 2026: Shipshewana on the Road. Allegan Co. Fairgrounds.
Sun., May 10 & Mon., May 11, 2026, 6-8:30pm: Auditions Theater in the Park. Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Mon., May 11, 2025, 10am: Splish, Splash, Stories. Allegan Aquatic Center 1560 M-40 Allegan
Mon., May 11, 2026, 10am-noon: Garlic Mustard Pull with Conservation District staff. Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve Thomas St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., May 6, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., May 6, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Celebrate the Hands that Hold Us with Caregiver Cards! Drop in to create cards for loved moms, grandmoms or special caregivers.
6pm: Pintesting: Paint Your Own Birdhouse. Register at 269 673-4625 to create a lovely birdhouse.

Thurs., May 7, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. Ages 3-5 yr. olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Teen Nail Art Spa Day. Teens grades 6-12 can bring favorite colors and drop in and do nail art.
6pm: Great Lakes, Great Stories: Fatal Crossing. Register at 269 673-4625 to explore the mystery of the June 23, 1950 disappearance of Northwest Airline Flight 2501.

Fri., May 8, 2026, 6pm: Teen Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Students in grades 6-12 can drop in to duke it out in the stacks.

Fri., May 8, 2026, 6-8:30pm: Spring Wine Tasting
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40 S.) Allegan
Purchase a ticket and enjoy wines and pairings. Get tickets at www.silobanquet.com or call 269 686-8383.

Fri., May 8, 2026, 7pm: Allegan Express Band
Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Enjoy an evening of fun and music.

Fri., May 8 & Sat., May 9, 2026, 10am-4pm: The Old Jail Museum
The Old Jail Museum Walnut Street Allegan
The Museum will be open Friday and Saturday during the summer months. All are welcome to come and explore Allegan County's past.

Sat., May 9-10, 2026: Shipshewana on the Road. Allegan Co. Fairgrounds.

Sat., May 9, 2026, 9am-1pm: Plant Sale
First Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Find favorite annuals, perennials and garden items.

Sat., May 9, 2026, 11am-1pm: Mothers Day Brunch
Allegan Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members' mothers can enjoy a free lunch.

Sun., May 10 & Mon., May 11, 2026, 6-8:30pm: Auditions Theater in the Park
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
All are welcome to audition for the *Tales of O. Henry*, 4 short stories by O. Henry. Just drop in. The performances will be June 20 & 21 in Mahan Park. Info: alleganconmunityplayers.org/auditions

Mon., May 11, 2025, 10am: Splish, Splash, Stories
Allegan Aquatic Center 1560 M-40 Allegan
Ages 0-7 can register at 269-673-7002 ext. 5504, or at ard.recdesk.com to enjoy a story and a fun swim.

Mon., May 11, 2026, 10am-noon: Garlic Mustard Pull with Conservation District staff
Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve Thomas St. Allegan
Help week the invasive species in Allegan County. Bring gloves. Register at ODC Network.

Tues., May 12, 2026, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
All Vets and those serving in the military forces are invited to coffee and fellowship with coffee and donuts. Questions: call 269 673-3335

Tues., May 12, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 yr olds can enjoy stories and activities.
6:30pm: Book Club. Drop in and enjoy a discussion of *Nature's Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy with the Allegan Conservation District.

Wed., May 13, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., May 13, 2026, 2pm: Recess for Adults with the Arc of Allegan
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in and enjoy activities with friends from The Arc of Allegan County.

Thurs., May 14, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. Ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Teen Art Hangout. Grades 6-12 can drop in to make art out of candy.

Fri., May 15, 2026, 9am-5pm: Annual Rummage Sale
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
Come and shop a large selection of treasures that are priced at a free will donation. Address questions to 269 673-3335 or immanuelallegan@gmail.com.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 8am: Camp Kidwell Golf Scramble
Cheshire Hills Golf Course 102nd Ave. Allegan
Register at 8am, Shotgun Start at 9am. Register a team or individuals at https://www.campkidwell.org/. The day includes golf and online auction.

Sat. May 16, 2026, 9am: 52nd 11Annual Benefit Ride for Wings
Silver Creek Equestrian Park 3900 134th Ave., Hamilton
Allegan Co. Pleasure Riders sponsor a trail ride to raise funds for Wings of Hope Hospice and Wings Home. Register by calling 616 490-1627 or at the park Fri. evening or Sat. morning before the ride. Extra tickets are given to those who collect donations before the ride. Check ACPR Facebook page.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 11am: Teen & Adult Book Bricks
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 12 and up can register at 269 673-4625 to paint the cover of a favorite on a brick to display at home or at the library.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 1-3pm: Plein Air Equipment Demonstration
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Paulette invites all to share their set up and answer questions that will help expand the plein air community.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 2-8pm: ALEgan Beer Fest 2026
Allegan Fairgrounds Fair Drive Allegan
Adults 21 and up can join in the annual ALEgan Craft Beer Fest. Get tickets at https://alleganjaycees.com/products/2026-alegan-beer-fest and get info to become a sponsor, volunteer, or register your brewery at jciallegan@gmail.com.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 5pm: Night of Hope
St. Mary's Visitation Center
Plan an evening at the 29th Annual Auction for Wings of Hope. For more information visit www.wingsofhopehospice.com.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 8-11pm: After Dark Country Night feat
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan
The Silo hosts Country Night with the Bronks Bros. Purchase pizza, snacks & bar service. $12 cover charge.

Mon., May 18, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Sing Song Family Yoga. Drop in to join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music and literacy.
6pm: Craftastic: Seashell Trinket Tray. Register at 269 673-4625 to create decoupage seashell trinket trays.

Tues., May 19, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Discover 4H with MSU Extension. 5-12 year olds can enjoy learning about countries and do a cultural craft.

Tues., May 19, 2026, 12-1pm: Leadership Roundtable
ACCF 112 Locust St. Allegan or Zoom
This roundtable offers a trusted environment where leaders can brainstorm ideas, work through challenges, and offer assistance to peers. Register: alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar

Wed., May 20, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., May 20, 2026, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewing Co. Hubbard St. Allegan
Teams up to 5 members can register beginning at 5:30pm then enjoy the competition. Library cards earn extra points.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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Addiction Support Group, Thursdays 7-8pm
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www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

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Two millage renewals approved for August ballot

By Gari Voss

The Allegan County commissioners took time during their April 9, 2026, board meeting to look at mileages which they would place on the August 4th ballot. By a unanimous vote, the Senior Millage renewal proposal for 0.4823 mill for four years has been placed on ballot. Tabled was a ballot request for a seven-year renewal for the Allegan Conservation District that was just under a tenth of a mill.

Senior Millage

The Senior Millage Renewal Committee has begun the work of informing Allegan County voters of the importance of the renewal. Currently, about 30% of Allegan County's population is senior citizens. Of those, over 1400 seniors receive services through county programs supported by the millage. It is felt that the continuation of the funds is extremely important. For additional information, those interested in receiving information or assisting can contact Mcampbell869@yahoo.com.

"The senior millage helps the folks who are homebound and gives assistance with adult day care services that encourage socialization," shared co-chair Mary Campbell. "Day care can be found at Generations in Allegan and Evergreen Commons in Holland seniors can stay for the day. In addition to the care, transportation to the facility can be provided using millage funds. This is extremely beneficial to seniors and caregivers."

Campbell stressed the importance of the response devices, "A real positive is the Connect America personal emergency response devices that give peace of mind to the senior and their family. The millage provides the devices to eligible seniors at no charge. "

For voters who are not familiar with the services provided for seniors through the Allegan County Commission on Aging, they can check the Allegan County website. The Commission on Aging is responsible for distributing the millage funds that affect those who are 60 years or older and reside in Allegan County for at least 60 days.

Those services include:

Adult Day Services that provide daytime care for seniors who need continuous support and socialization while providing respite for primary family caregivers.

Home delivered meals that bring meals to homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels of West Michigan. Campbell felt these are flexible in ensuring that seniors receive meals and have a choice of entres.

Essential in-home support assistance that ensures home safety is maintained. After an in-house assessment, those who are eligible develop a care plan for personal care and/or respite for caregivers. There is a notation that there may be a waiting period because of staffing challenges.

Personal emergency response system that provides mobile wearable devices that make available 24-hour response to perceived emergencies.

Transportation arrangements for seniors that assist those who do not feel comfortable driving to medical, nutritional, legal and/or shopping and errands appointments. Volunteers give door-to-door service with a 3-5 business day notice.

Outreach and Medicare assistance consultation that is available to those new to Medicare and those who wish to reduce health care costs.

The passing of the annual millage is not to exceed 0.4823 mill, or $0.4823 per each $1,000 of taxable value, will be for 4 years, 2026-2029. The original millage was affected by Headley and must be reinstated.

"We are very fortunate that Allegan County millage provides services to seniors where other counties have millages that only cover senior center activities," explained Campbell. "In those areas, services must be paid by the senior requiring assistance, but Allegan County residents receive eligible services at no cost."

Allegan Conservation District

The Allegan Conservation District (ACD) is the environmental arm of the county that addresses agriculture and natural resource conservation needs and collaborates with district, state and federal organizations. The ACD requested that a proposal for under one tenth of a mill be placed on the August 4, 2026, ballot to assist with ACD programs. The Commissioners tabled the request until they could receive additional information.

Previous mileage assisted in constructing the ACD's new facility on Taft Road. Since the move, the ACD staff has been able to better monitor previous programs plus add events and support. Some projects are quite specific and have required the seeking of grant funds to implement.

A current calendar of events includes the popular Spring Seedling and Native Plant sales. There is support to county parks such as the Garlic Mustard Pulls in Armintrout-Milbocker Preserve and Silver Creek Park. Conservation staff assist with story time and sing-along events at the Salem Township Library. Under their tutelage, the Allegan Pollinator Garden has been growing, and cleanup sessions are planned in May and June. The ACD staff also plan guided walks through New Richmond Park, the Wade Memorial Nature Sanctuary, and Armintrout-Milbocker Preserve.

In addition to outdoor activities, the ACD staff has been vital in writing grants and coordinating work on the Swan Creek, Gun River and Green Lake Watershed projects. Supporting agricultural practices has led to No-till Farming practices and equipment, Roller Crimping to control weeds and improve soil, soil pit presentations, and phosphorus reduction that improves soil and water quality. Agricultural producers in the Gun River Watershed can apply for financial assistance to implement methods that will bring sustainable practices to fields. In the forestry arena, aspen regeneration has been addressed.

The ACD staff work to continue maintaining current programs while expanding offerings that will benefit all areas of agriculture and conservation for business purposes and recreation. At this time, the decision regarding the ballot proposal is in the hands of the County Commissioners to approve placing the proposal before the voters.

On again, off again solar project off

By Joseph Schultz

In the on-again/off-again back-and-forth between NorthStar Clean Energy's solar project and Monterey and Hopkins townships, it looks like it is "off" again. Monterey Supervisor Henry Reinart told the township board that NorthStar sent a letter stating it is withdrawing its special use application and will instead seek approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

Reinart said the reason NorthStar gave for going to the MPSC was Monterey's lack of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ordinance. Instead of waiting for Monterey to craft one, NorthStar decided to appeal to the state.

Although NorthStar expressed its intent to appeal to the MPSC, it has not yet sent an official withdrawal to Lori Castello of Professional Code Inspections (PCI). Castello advised the township that until she receives official notification, the solar project should remain on the agenda for the planning meeting on May 11.

In January, NorthStar Clean Energy – Allegan Solar LLC told the Monterey Planning Commission that a 101-megawatt solar energy system and a 200-megawatt-hour BESS project would be built in Monterey and Hopkins townships. NorthStar is a renewable energy company owned by CMS Energy Corporation, which also owns Consumers Energy.

In February, NorthStar sought a zoning variance from the Hopkins Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to build closer than 300 feet from a non-associated dwelling. The company also requested to build closer than 100 feet from a 100-year floodplain and a wetland.

The request was not heard due to an error in the official notifications. In March, NorthStar withdrew the request. Senior Manager Colin Daining explained that the company was "looking at a different approach."

At the March Monterey planning meeting, it was revealed that Monterey did not have a "compatible renewable energy ordinance" regarding the BESS. Township lawyers and engineers were scheduled to meet with NorthStar's counterparts to resolve the issues.

Last month, NorthStar failed to submit an expected application to Hopkins Township. Amid reports of an MPSC appeal, Township Supervisor Cade Bolser clarified that the letter the township received was NorthStar's request to meet with the township to talk about the township's solar ordinance, and its alignment with state requirements in Public Act 233.(PA 233) There has been no word on those discussions.

Reinart stated it was his understanding that the entire project is moving to the MPSC. However, that has not been verified with Hopkins Township.

According to the letter, NorthStar will file its appeal by the end of June. Under state law, Michigan will compensate the townships for the costs of presenting their defense to the MPSC.

In 2023, the Michigan Legislature passed PA 233 to help reach Governor Gretchen Whitmer's goal of 100% renewable energy production in the state. The act grants the MPSC the power to approve special use permits over the objections of local authorities.

This appeal process is becoming a popular avenue for renewable energy projects. Just last month, Silver Maple PV, LLC filed an appeal for a solar project in Jamestown and Zeeland townships. That case is still ongoing.

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Honor Credit Union Breaks Ground on New Allegan Branch

Honor Credit Union officially broke ground on its new Allegan Branch on April 30, marking a major step forward in expanding convenient financial services for the community. The new full-service branch, located at 1256 Lincoln Rd., will offer enhanced amenities including a night-drop deposit box, a drive-thru with Video Teller service, and a 24-hour ATM. At nearly 2,800 square feet and positioned just across from the current location, the branch is slated to open in fall 2026.

Honor has served Allegan since 2015 and remains committed to meeting members where they are, whether through innovative digital banking or the friendly, familiar faces of its local team. The investment in this new space reflects Honor's dedication to supporting the community it proudly calls home. Honor Credit Union CEO Scott McFarland and Allegan Branch Manager Dan Carpenter were present and shared remarks during the groundbreaking celebration. Key project partners include E.C. Moore Construction and Brooks Architecture.

State Representative Rachelle Smit's office presented a tribute recognizing the new branch and Honor's commitment to Allegan. The tribute recognized the progress of the new branch and Honor's continued commitment to going beyond banking as an active, engaged part of the community.

The groundbreaking marks an exciting step forward in Honor's promise to provide easy access to financial services and the innovative technology members expect. As Honor invests in this new space, it is also investing in the future of the Allegan community for years to come. We invite you to stop in and visit our Allegan Team to discover how banking better starts here, or visit us anytime at honorcu.com.

Honor CREDIT UNION

RIP Spirit, you were mocked by many, but this frequent traveler loved you

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

The news that Spirit Airlines has shut down operations after more than three decades in the sky feels like the end of an era—and not just for bargain travelers.

For this frequent Spirit traveler, the news was devastating. I woke up to it early Saturday morning. In only a few hours I was to fly on Spirit from Detroit to Orlando. I had made this same monthly trip for over 25 years, probably 250 flights but who is counting. Spirit was my go-to airline. My favorite.

I couldn't make it one last time because Spirit executives decided to cancel all flights and halt business operations at midnight. Fortunately for me I was able to rebook on Delta. My heart goes out to those travelers that weren't as lucky as I. Finding alternative flights can be stressful and at the very least throw off arrival times.

For years, Spirit was the airline people loved to complain about… right before they booked it anyway. It wasn't glamorous. It wasn't comfortable. But it made flying possible for millions who otherwise couldn't afford it. That matters more than we often admit.

On the other hand, my experience with Spirit was phenomenal. I never experienced a cancelled flight and 80% of the time, flights were on time. That's pretty darn good for an airline that many love to bash.

This wasn't a collapse out of nowhere. Spirit had been walking a financial tightrope for years—bankruptcies, failed merger attempts, and razor-thin margins. When fuel prices surged and a last-minute rescue deal fell apart, the math finally stopped working.

Still, numbers don't capture what's really lost here.

Spirit forced the entire airline industry to behave. When it entered a market, fares dropped—sometimes significantly—because competitors had to respond.

Now that pressure is gone. Travelers, especially families and budget-conscious flyers, will feel it first and hardest.

And then there are the people. Roughly 17,000 employees suddenly found themselves out of work, many learning the news overnight.

Pilots, flight attendants, mechanics—these aren't abstract numbers. They're livelihoods, communities, and careers built around an airline that simply vanished.

Many of those people lived in Michigan, where Spirit was a hub. Many of you aren't aware but Spirit got it start at Detroit Metro Airport 32 years ago. As it grew it re-located to Fort Lauderdale, but for many of us, we remembered and were loyal to its Detroit roots.

It's easy to debate who's to blame, fuel prices, government policy, blocked mergers, or a business model that pushed costs as low as possible. The truth is probably all of the above. But focusing only on blame misses the bigger point.

Spirit Airlines was messy, frustrating, and often mocked—but it democratized air travel.

Its bright yellow planes represented something bigger: the idea that flying shouldn't be a luxury reserved for a few. With its disappearance, we may be heading back toward a system where affordability takes a back seat to comfort and consolidation.

And that's why, even if you never loved flying Spirit, it's still worth saying:

It's a shame to see it go.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

It turns out I'm a rarity: of all the last or surnames in the U.S., Stoppel ranks at 52,970th from the top of the charts. Still, with some 6.2 million Stoppels, it's not surprising to discover at least two more of us work for newspapers.

The one near Emporia, Kans., seems to specialize in obituaries and sports; another, Sara Stoppel, is a staff writer for the Thunder Bay, Ontario, Argus. Thunder Bay is an amalgam of Fort William and Port Arthur, which 1970 merged. Her areas are murders and agriculture.

Very Distant Cousin Sara recently wrote "Do we even own anything anymore?" as she fired a salvo across the bow of firms that rent or lease goods and services while misleading customers into thinking they really bought or own something. Companies sugarcoat such transactions calling their bills for providing them "subscription fees."

Airlines have been using subscription fees, which some call a form of gouging, for years. We pay for food and drink, but extra for pillows and blankets on a subscription basis lasting throughout the flight.

The concept has spread to agriculture. Manufacturers sell a farmer a tractor or combine, but the contract mandates that only a company-certified mechanic can work on it, right down to a lube job and oil change.

Rolls Royce will gladly sell you a car, but if you have a problem in beautiful downtown Nebraska, you do not get to own the key to the hood. They do and charge a huge annual service fee to unlock the hood.

The manufacturer also locks the wheels so that only their repair people can change a tire. If you can afford a Roller, you may quibble less about tack-on fees.

For centuries, farmers either bought their seeds from a store or used their own saved from the previous season. Today, planting one's own corn or soybean seeds, especially from some Big-Ag corporations, is illegal. The company owns the rights to them, even if the farmer bought them. They sue and usually win.

As an *aside*, should you ever enroll in one of the ancestry companies that traces long-lost relatives via your DNA, you cede the right to own your own body. The contract in the ultra-fine print makes it clear you just turned over your rights to the thing that makes you, *you.*

People not owning what they thought they bought dates back at least to 2007 when my friends George and Dawn were going on a tour of China. Instead of packing 20 lbs. of travel books and guides, he bought a Kindle Reader with e-books.

My late wife Pat thought it was such a good idea, she got me one for our upcoming trip. Seeing Kindle offered 60,000+ books free, I stocked up.

A year later, when I was halfway through one purchased book, the service disappeared. We learned later Kindle was ordered to delete it from our devices due to a copyright dispute,

Seems we do not buy or own the book in a traditional sense, but have the right to reread it as many times as we liked. We bought the device, the books we selected were clearly marked "BUY for x amount," but their definition of a purchase is common only unto them.

Imagine the uproar if a bookstore representative turned up at your door in the middle of night ordering you to hand over a copy of the book you thought you had bought last week. Oh, and without compensation. That's what Amazon Kindle did and warns they can do again without notice.

Covid-19 did wonders for streaming services. Remember those bad old days? We could not go to big box stores to buy entertainment, libraries were closed or highly restricted, meaning we had to sign up for steaming services to get our fill. Often, for a family, it meant several streaming services so everyone could be happy. The money started to add up.

After we came out of the pandemic, it became near-impossible to *un*subscribe from these no longer needed services/ Then, surprise-surprise, rates went up.

So it works too for magazines, other periodicals and news subscription services. For years I read Country Life magazine online and received the daily e-version of the London Times. Same song, new verse. The rates went up and up and they made it next to impossible to ensnare myself from them. All they wanted was my money.

Las Vegas sits at or near the acme of such rackets. Check along the Strip.

Seems everyone's finding a new fee to add to our bills. It's not just in the U.S. either. In France (which means "coming to an American restaurant near you"), they charge for each piece of silverware diners use. In Austria, ice cream parlors tack tack on fees for dishwashing, disposable trash receptacles or both.

Finally newspapers, gobbled up nationwide by billionaires, hedge funds and/or mega-corporations. Fewer than 25 years ago, a medium-sized town north of here had two daily newspapers with weekend editions. They had reporters and photographers, sports writers, an editorial board and staff who sold ads to local businesses.

Since the buyouts, that city is down to one paper published three times a week. It's light on local reporting and fills most space between ads from wider subscription services. The paper is of lower quality and smaller sized, but still charges more and more.

For us grouchy old men, local weekly Wilcox Newspapers are owned by one traveling party, publisher Mike, but remain now and here and personal. Provide us content and/or contact local staff you may see writing or taking pictures at events, you'll receive a human response.

Commerce changes constantly seeking money with each technological advance allowing firms to progress even more. What doesn't change are we mugs suspected to pay and pay.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader says attempted assassination used to promote ballroom

To the editor:

The United States witnessed another assassination attempt, this time at the White House Correspondents Dinner. Rather than focus on the issue of gun violence in our nation, Trump used the occasion to tell us all how much he needed a ballroom. Let's think about that. For about 10 minutes, as 2600 people—reporters, news anchors, celebrities, administration officials and Trump huddling under their tables—experienced the terrifying reality which kids in our schools frequently practice for as a part of their education curriculum. Did this experience have any impact on the leader of the free world? The very fact that he he used it to lobby for his gaudy, expensive ballroom tells us how invested he is in his own corruption and inflated view of himself. Initially, wealthy corporate donors were recruited to foot the bill for his grandiose fantasy. Now he's trying to convince Congress to pony up $400 million of our tax dollars to pay for his nonsense.

Clearly, Trump is detached from the realities of the world and the increasing difficulty those of us not in the Epstein class are having with day to day expenses.Think of how far $400 million would go to feed the disadvantaged of our nation. Trump doesn't consider those Americans to be worthy of his consideration. So what if they have SNAP benefits cut off? $400 million could assist a lot of Americans with less or no healthcare coverage due to Trump's goal of eliminating the Affordable Care Act. We could go on endlessly about how much Trump's vanity project is costing us but you get the picture. He doesn't care if we are in an affordability crisis; he wants a monument to himself. Something big, gaudy and empty suits him just fine. Perhaps he will top it off with a big gold sign reading "PARDONS ARE US."

He lied about how the ballroom project "would not touch the existing East Wing" of our White House days before the destruction began. He claimed donors were paying for the ballroom as a way to take the perceived burden off of tax payers. Now that he has shifted his focus to having Congress saddle us with the bill, what happens to the donated money? Does he pocket it just as he does with anything else he can get his hands on, like someone else's Nobel prize?

Chaos and corruption have permeated the entire government. Our own Bill Huizenga has used his time in office to enrich himself. He's small potatoes compared to the head spud. But the millions he's put in his pocket certainly show he's right there with the other Republicans who have been making bank while we pay their salaries. Bill is out of touch with the people living in this district. He has no idea how groceries, gas, healthcare are becoming unaffordable. He prides himself on not "bringing home the bacon." Somehow it's OK to reward the wealthy with hefty tax cuts (his donors) while turning his back on the rest of us. Residing in his comfortable bubble, he apparently has no idea how much we are paying for gas and groceries. He is so intent on downplaying the impact Trump's tariffs and War of Choice are having on people living here that he recently lied about local gas prices. Note to his chief of staff: take a picture of the sign at Crystal Flash and show it to him.

When our kids are hiding under their desks with the lights out, worrying whether this is a drill or the real thing, maybe they could think about how nice it would be to have their own ballrooms.

William and Mary Jones

Trump right in going to war with Iran

Dear Editor:

The war with Iran did not start with President Trump. It has been building ever since Iran invaded our Embassy and took the people inside hostage on the 4th of November, 1979. I was in the Air Force at Grissom AFB, IN. The President was Carter. This dragged on and on for 444 days. It ended when President Reagan was sworn as President in on January 20th, 1981. I was now stationed at Pruem Air Station West Germany. Getting our hostages back didn't end the Iranian chants of death to Isreal and death to America.

These chants and hatred continued through the rest of President Reagan's term. The chants continued through President George H. W. Bush's term. This continued through President Clinton, President George W. Bush, President Obama, President Trump's first term, and President Biden. The chants had never stopped through all.

President's Obama and Biden had tried bribing the leaders of Iran with BILLIONS of dollars. Who knows what that money was spent on. Some was most likely spent on arms for Iran and they terrorists' proxies. Some was used to develop atomic weapons. Some probably went into personal accounts. Little if any was used to help the Iranian people.

When I served in Iraq in 2003-04, many of the IEDs our military faced were either provided or at least the skill to make the IEDs came from Iran. IEDs killed and injured so many service members during the War on Terror in both Iraq and Afghanistan. During this time the shouts in Iran continued to be Death to Isreal and Death to America.

When I was in the Air Force stateside, I maintained a computer system to pass the message no one wanted to see. That was the message from the President to launch SAC's alert tankers, nuclear armed bombers, and could be launch codes for the ICBMs. A certain nuclear holocaust.

I know if Iran had developed atomic weapons, they would have used them in an attack on Isreal. We have learned they had rockets with more range than we thought they had. It was only time until Iran had rockets that could reach to America. If Iran had both atomic bombs and a rocket with the range to strike here, we would be attacked.

This would fulfill the decades of chants of Death to Isreal. Death to America.

We don't know what intel President Trump has on the atomic weapon progress in Iran. To make this public would seriously endanger the means and the people that provided the information. What we do know is that after many billions of dollars of bribes and 47 years of kicking the can down the road, the road had come to an end. It was now time to act.

If Iran had attacked even just Isreal with atomic weapons, Isreal would have counter attacked with atomic weapons. I fear this won't end there. Would Pakistan use some of their atomic weapons on Isreal? If so Isreal would respond. I fear that other nations would respond with their atomic and nuclear weapons. Who knows when this will end? How many millions or tens of millions would be dead. The only sure way to prevent this is to prevent Iran from having even the first atomic weapon.

I can only imagine the increase in hatred from the left if President Trump had done nothing and Iran succeeded in attacking an East Coast city with an atomic bomb.

William A. Geresy
Gun Plain Charter Township

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Letters to the editor

Supreme Court at Its Worst

Dear Editor:

The Supteme Court recently ruled to in effect abolish the Voting Rights Act. It is hard to grasp that the Supreme Court would go after diminishing voting rights which is a fundamental right.

The Supreme Court curtailed the ability to challenge unfair Congressional maps. This will have ripple effects to Latino communities, Asian Americans neighborhoods, young voters, Native Americans, working class districts, and our own rural areas.

The Supreme Court has lied to the American people. The court claims racial neutrality in our laws. Justice Samuel Alito said "the Voting Rights Act needed to be updated and is no longer a problem ". His updated really meant abolished. The courts majority's opinion returns section 2 to what it was before the 1982 amendment. This will make discrimination suits an impossibility to defend. How utterly undemocratic!

States that moved quickly to redraw congressional maps: Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, and Mississippi.

Chief Justice John Roberts has made a career out of dismantling the Voting Rights Act (which in itself is racist). Roberts argued in 2013 in the case Shelby County vs Holder. He said then that the country has changed and is no longer racist. The Shelby decision has led to a wave of measures making it harder to vote.

Leonard Leo must be very happy with the present Supreme Court. Leonard Leo created a list for Republican Presidents to choose Supreme Court potential candidates. He is quite influential with Republican Presidents. Leonard Leo is a follower of Opus Dei which believes in authoritarianism and misogyny. Does this sound familiar with recent Supreme Court decisions?

Leonard Leo rakes in millions personally, every year from his dark money network. How many readers consider this ethical?

The only good news is State legislatures can adopt independent commissions or refuse to condone racially discrimatory maps. The only question is will they?

Mark Austin Hopkins

Responsible voters must look out for neighbors

To the editor,

Every year the Allegan County News publishes a supplement.

Six pages, six columns per page, tightly spaced.

It announces that the "Allegan County Treasurer, acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit, is proceeding to foreclose on these properties for unpaid property taxes."

Then it lists our Allegan County friends and neighbors who are about to lose their homes and land.

It's hard to see familiar names there. Equally difficult are the small amounts needed to redeem these properties, many in the $300 range. Nearly all are less than $5000.

The trigger is property taxes.

No one expects public school students to appreciate the sacrifice their neighbors make to fund a school's capital improvements, if they aren't told. But what about their parents, teachers, and administrators?

I think responsible adults should give property owners a break.

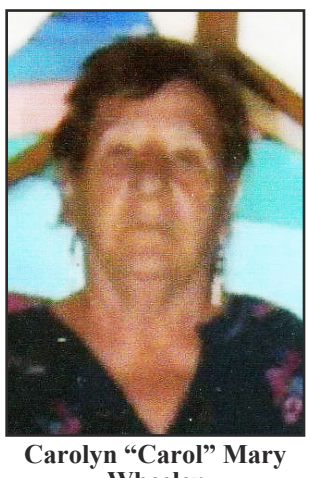
Schools evidently are not, given the public school millages for Gobles, Holland, Hopkins, Saugatuck, and Zeeland published in a recent Allegan County News.

May 5 is less than a week away, and ballots are already out. It's up to responsible voters to look out for their neighbors. Who knows, maybe we could reduce the foreclosure list from 500 to 400, or even shrink it by a page or two.

Abigail Noel

Obituaries

Carolyn "Carol" Mary Wheeler



Carolyn "Carol" Mary Wheeler

Carolyn "Carol" Mary Wheeler passed away peacefully at Ely Manor, in Allegan, MI, on January 12, 2026. Carol was born April 9, 1946 to her parents, Harry and Janette (Wheaton) Wheeler in Allegan.

Carol loved to chat - with her relatives, her neighbors in her apartment complexes, people at the grocery store and bank, and the people she ran into on her many walks through the neighborhood. She especially loved visiting with her friend, Kathy, who was always there when Carol needed her.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents and brother Leslie – all of Allegan, and her son, Steve.

Carol is survived by her brothers: Kenny (California), Elwin (Allegan), Clifford (Kalamazoo), Mike (Illinois) and Milo, and one sister, Harriette Bakker (Zeeland), and her children Tammy and Matt.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial will be held at 11:00am, Monday, May 11, 2026, at Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins, MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Allegan County Food Pantry or to a charity of your choice.

Larry Allen Haverdink

Larry Allen Haverdink

Larry Allen Haverdink of Allegan passed away peacefully on Monday, April 27, 2026, in Holland Community Hospital.

Larry was born at Holland Hospital in December 1941 and lived his childhood on the Haverdink Family Farm in Hamilton, MI to Harald and Sena (Roelofs)

Larry has 2 brothers, Paul and Ken, who processed him in death. He had a brother, Earl Jay, who lived for just a few days.Dr. Jerome, Stewart (Shirley), Carl (Ruth) Wassink.

He had 2 sisters, Lois Nienhuis, who passed away this past year. He is survived by one sister, Diane Decker.

Larry had a very strong work ethic and quit Holland High School in the 9th grade to work full-time on the farm. Larry enjoyed playing guitar and singing at many churches in the Holland area as a teenager

He met his wife, Sharon (Wassink), at a baseball game when they were both 16, when he saw her in the stands and followed her at one point, telling her he was going to marry her.

They dated for a time, and Larry had to be approved by Sharon's parents, Henry and Cornelia (Blaauw) of Hamilton, and her 7 brothers

Larry and Sharon lived in Hamilton, where Larry worked at Holland Color, a builder, before beginning a career with Great Lakes Carpeting and with the Hamilton Farm Bureau for 25 years as a carpet installer, laying carpet in many homes throughout West Michigan. When his back and knees could not handle the hard work of carpet installation, he became a real estate agent in Allegan for 25 years, at one point owning Forester Realty. He sold many of the homes in which he laid carpet in his younger years

Larry and Sharon enjoyed traveling in their younger years with their 2 children, Rick and Daryl, visiting many historical sites along the East Coast and Midwest

This year, they celebrated their 65th anniversary. They loved to travel and became seasonal campers at Saugatuck KOA for several years

When Larry and Sharon retired, they enjoyed going to Amish Country in Ohio to towns like Wooster, Sugarcreek, Walnut Creek, and Berlin. And if you were foolish enough to ask about their time in Ohio, Larry could have you sit and listen for 2 or 4 hours on the Amish Adventures in Ohio. If you were at their house, you were going to spend an hour watching the movies Larry shot of the Amish area, and on Sunday mornings of the Amish going to church on Sunday

There was a time when Larry and Sharon became involved with an Amish family, Levi and Kathy Schlabach, and their extended family, selling the furniture that Levi's factory produced and selling it from their home in Hamilton. That meant renting a U-Haul truck and packing it full with the chairs and rockers they would paint and sell. Larry built a garage-type building next to their house to store the furniture. Rick and Daryl became very concerned about their parents around this time

Larry enjoyed his life from birth til death. Sharon followed along for the ride

Larry is survived by his wonderful wife, Sharon. His sister Diane (Gary) Dekker. His brother-in-law Marvin Nienhuis, Don (Lorna) , Vern (Lynn), Hugh (Paula), Bob Wassink, and sister-in-law Marilyn. His children are Rick (Kristi Gates) and Daryl (Vicki Kraai). 3 grandchildren, Trevor, Jazzmine, George (Amber). 3 great-grandchildren, Luca, Hunter, and Kiana, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Monday, May 18, at Hamilton Reformed Church, with the Reverend Kevin Hart. Visit with the family will be from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., with a Memorial Service to follow at 11:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch.

We would like to thank the Holland Hospital ER team, Luke, Becky, Laurie, Dr Sebald from G.I., Dr Jameson, and Amanda.

The entire stall at Holland Hospital. Dr Khreiss and staff. Reverend Hart. And the Interventional Radiology Team (Kim, Matt), Home Health Care of Holland Hospital (Leah, Tammy, and the rest of the staff), and the Fresenius Medical team. And many others

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The History and Traditions of Mother's Day

Observed each spring, Mother's Day is a time set aside to recognize the role of mothers and maternal figures, celebrating their influence within families and communities. While the modern holiday is often marked by cards, flowers, and gatherings, its origins reflect a long history of honoring motherhood across cultures.

Early forms of Mother's Day can be traced to ancient civilizations. In Greece and Rome, festivals were held in honor of mother goddesses such as Rhea and Cybele, celebrating fertility and family. Centuries later in England, a tradition known as "Mothering Sunday" emerged during the Christian season of Lent, when people would return to their "mother church" and spend time with family. Over time, this observance also became associated with honoring mothers and providing a rare opportunity for families to gather.

The modern American version of Mother's Day was largely established through the efforts of Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century. Jarvis campaigned for a national day to honor mothers following the death of her own mother, who had been active in community and charitable work. Her efforts gained widespread support, and in 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation officially recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday, to be observed on the second Sunday in May.

From its earliest days, the holiday emphasized personal expressions of gratitude. Jarvis herself encouraged people to write heartfelt letters to their mothers, believing that sincere appreciation was more meaningful than material gifts. However, as the holiday grew in popularity, commercial elements such as greeting cards, flowers, and gifts became more prominent, helping to spread the tradition while also reshaping how it is observed.

Today, Mother's Day traditions vary widely but often include giving flowers—particularly carnations, which were Jarvis's chosen symbol—along with cards, meals, and time spent together. Restaurants and community venues frequently see increased activity as families gather to celebrate. Schools, churches, and local organizations may also host events or activities that highlight the importance of mothers and caregivers.

While Mother's Day has evolved over time, its core purpose remains unchanged. The holiday serves as a reminder to pause and recognize the contributions of mothers and maternal figures, whose roles often extend beyond the home into the broader fabric of community life.

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Winners of the 2026 Tigers Tale competition were given a special reception by the Allegan High School English Department on Tues., Apr. 28, 2026. Front row: Ashlyyn Pullen, Sophia Augustine, Tianna Gilbert, Kyrstin Herren. Back row: Valentina Fernandes Turaca Oliveira, Dylan Larabel-Holtsclaw, Lyla Crisp, Alexis McCoy. Missing: Bailee Dilley. The photo is courtesy of Trinity Earl.

AHS English Dept. hands out several awards

By Kim Sparks & Gari Voss

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, the English Department at Allegan High School hosted their 28th annual Tiger Tales reception in the Media Center. Longtime English teacher, Jennifer Conrad, hosted this year's awards after securing the judges and significant donations that allowed the English Department to give away more awards with larger award amounts.

Donations came from the generosity of the Hunziker family and the Allegan Area Arts Council. Mary Hunziker was a long time English teacher, who taught at both the middle school and high school over her tenure before retiring.

Hunziker said, "I loved teaching writing and being privy to the potential and talent in our students. It's important to me and my family that APS students have this opportunity to challenge themselves as writers and showcase their work. I also see it as an opportunity to support my former ELA colleagues in their efforts to encourage their writers. [They] have worked so hard to continue the Tiger Tales tradition and deserve support in doing so."

Students in grades 9-12 submitted personal narratives, poetry and web banner designs. This year's winners received gift cards in various amounts for their talents.

The following students placed in the following categories:

Personal Narrative

• 1st ($100 gift card) Bailee Dilley, "Learning to Fly"

• 2nd ($50 gift card) Tianna Gilbert, Untitled

• 3rd ($25 gift card) Sophia Augustine, "Who Am I?"

Poetry

• 1st ($100 gift card) Ashlyyn Pullen, "Buried Is Not the Same as Gone"

• 2nd ($50 gift card) Alexis McCoy, "Funeral Bunny"

• 3rd ($25 gift card) Lyla Crisp, "A Shiny Golden Medal"

• HM: Valentina Fernandes Turaca Oliveira, "The White Rosary"

• HM: Kyrstin Herren, "Summer Loss"

Website Banner Artwork

• 1st ($100 gift card) Dylan Larabel-Holtsclaw

The Tiger Tales Contest began in 1998 when staff and community members recognized the talent of Allegan High School students. Since that time, students have submitted a wonderful array of short stories, formal essays, personal narratives, poetry, editorials, and cover art. The winning pieces were originally shared in a print format, but to reach a wider audience, the pieces have been digitalized and can be viewed at ahstigertales.org.

Unified Basketball players and their Links took a moment to pose before the Spiders and Wasps teams met on the court. With every great play and shot, there were high fives between players and cheers from the crowd gathered for the 3rd Annual Unified Basketball Game at L.E. White Middle School on May 1, 2026. Photo courtesy of APS.

Middle School Tigers celebrate inclusion

By Gari Voss

L.E. White Middle School celebrates inclusion every day, but to punctuate the importance of ensuring that each student is valued, the week of April 27 – May 1, 2026, was set aside to accentuate their daily beliefs.

To begin the week, the Student Council made a video for the whole school that announced the spirit days' themes. On Monday, students wore comfy clothes that promoted inclusion, kindness, and school spirit. Tuesday brought Inside Out Day or a color that would match how they felt that day. Wednesday brought warmer thoughts with Tropical Day and tropical wear to celebrate ohana which means family. Thursday demonstrated how blending can bring beautiful togetherness with Tye Dye clothing.

Friday was an extremely special day as students and staff wore their spirit orange and black. The day was highlighted with the 3rd Annual Unified Basketball Game. The Middle School band provided extra spirit, the Allegan Tiger was in attendance to encourage players, and an announcer who knew all of the players provided play-by-play narration. The student body, parents, family and community members filled the stands and cheered on the Spiders and Wasps.

The Links Program provided support students, called Links, who played alongside special needs students to lend guidance, support, and a little assistance. The special needs students took control of the ball and the shooting to create a mini-Special Olympics basketball game right in the L.E. White gymnasium.

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Summit to address housing needs

By Gari Voss

The 2 nd Allegan County Housing Summit will gather municipal leaders, developers, builders, and advocates for housing to the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard Street in Allegan on Friday, May 8, 2026, from 8am-2pm. The goal is to learn more about how to address the housing shortage in Allegan County.

The 1 st Housing Summit in 2025 was able to begin addressing the county's approximate 6,200-unit housing shortage. The 2 nd Housing Summit aims to expand the audience in order to reach a wider cross-section of Allegan County and address issues encountered when designing a development.

"This is really just a follow-up to the housing summit we held last year, and trying to answer some of the questions that I have been running into across the county," says Chris Kleinjans, the Allegan County Community Foundation's (ACCF) community impact officer.

The Allegan County Community Foundation began examining the housing shortage in 2023.

By attending over 120 meetings and 13 conferences, plus engaging Bowen National Reach to conduct a housing assessment, the ACCF staff better understood the need to build a network of developers, government leaders, and housing advocates.

Working with the information collected by the assessment, Chris Kleinjans was hired to lead the Allegan County Housing Initiative. This led to a coalition of organizations and agencies that include ACCF, Community Action of Allegan County (CAAC), Allegan Area ESA, Heart of West Michigan United Way, OnPoint, and Allegan County government officials.

The 2 nd Summit sessions will focus on topics to help units of government identify local solutions to the housing dilemma. The sessions will cover zoning information, alternative housing, and how one community has been addressing the housing needs.

In a recent interview, Kleinjans shared that the topics selected would benefit the discussion and development of housing specifically for Allegan County.

Zoning for Housing in Allegan County will feature Leah DuMouchel, AICP, of Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) and Lori Castello, AICP, of Professional Code Inspections of Michigan, who will cover tools like a digital zoning atlas.

The New Face of Modular & Manufactured Housing will be led by Scott Myhre of Clayton Homes and Theresa Gillotti from the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) and will examine the benefits of manufactured housing.

[Re]introducing the Traditionally-Sized Home will be explored with Paul Sachs, Director of the Ottawa County Office of Strategic Impact and will address the ordinances related to housing sizes. "Steps to Community-Supported Growth: Housing Reform and Partnerships in Fennville" will summarize the steps taken by the City of Fennville and will be led by Micah Machiela, DDA Coordinator, and Katie Beemer, City Administrator.

The emphasis is to assist municipalities to begin discussions to identify ways they can address needs and close the housing gap. The summit can introduce community leaders to resources that can assist with local projects.

"By bringing developers, municipal staff and elected officials into a room, we create more energy towards that solution," Kleinjans added. "Progress will take time."

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Capturing Kids' Hearts representative Brett Zuver talks with stents at Alamo Elementary School in February. (Photo provided)

Elementary students from Otsego met with Brett Zuver, a representative from Capturing Kids' Hearts, during the winter. (Photo provided)

OPS earns Capturing Kids' Hearts honors again

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Otsego Public Schools has once again earned national recognition for its focus on building strong relationships with students.

The district has been named a 2025-26 Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase District, an honor awarded to a select group of districts across the country implementing the program at a high level.

It marks the third straight year OPS has received the National Showcase District designation.

In addition to the district-level recognition, multiple buildings within the district were also honored as National Showcase Schools.

Dix Street Elementary and Otsego Middle School each earned the designation for the seventh consecutive year, while Washington Street Elementary received the honor for the sixth straight year.

Alamo Elementary was recognized for the fifth consecutive year, and Otsego High School earned the designation for the third straight year.

More than 450 districts nationwide use the Capturing Kids' Hearts process systemically, with Otsego among those recognized for creating a school environment centered on trust, respect and connection.

"We are incredibly proud of our staff and students for the work they do to make our district a place where everyone feels they belong," district officials said. "Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping us build a strong, relationship-driven community for our children."

Capturing Kids' Hearts has been part of Otsego Public Schools for more than a decade, with the district introducing the program in 2010 and fully implementing it the following year.

At the core of the process is a focus on relationships. In classrooms across the district, students and teachers work together to establish "social contracts" that outline expectations for behavior and interaction, helping create a shared sense of ownership and accountability.

District officials said that approach helps foster classroom environments where students feel safe, known and valued — something that can have a direct impact on engagement and learning.

The National Showcase District designation is based on consistent implementation of the program, including staff participation, school culture and climate, and demonstrated impact on students and staff.

Otsego High School celebrates Class of 2026 at Senior Decision Day assembly

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The future took center stage Friday at Otsego High School.

In front of a packed competition gym, the Class of 2026 was recognized during the school's annual Senior Decision Day assembly, highlighting the wide range of paths students will take after graduation.

Led by guidance counselors Chelsea Fulgos and Brady Conway, the event brought together the entire senior class along with the rest of the student body, as each senior was introduced and acknowledged for their post-secondary plans.

Those plans spanned multiple directions — from community college and four-year universities to skilled trades, the workforce and military service — reflecting Otsego Public Schools' vision to "expect excellence" in a variety of ways.

"The event successfully showcased that every student's unique path carries immense value, purpose, and opportunity to achieve excellence in their lives," district officials said.

Each student was introduced by Dr. Mark Rollandini, Director of Secondary/Post-Secondary Instruction, while representatives from several colleges and institutions were on hand to welcome students and present school gear as they prepare for the next chapter.

While every path was recognized, two students were honored for a commitment that carries a different level of responsibility.

Dyllan Hammond, who will enter the United States Air Force, and Teegan Slotman, who will join the United States Marine Corps, were recognized for their decision to serve their country.

Their choice drew strong support from those in attendance, serving as a reminder of the dedication and sacrifice that comes with military service.

"We thank these students for their future service," district officials said.

The assembly closed with a message directed to the entire senior class.

"To all graduating seniors of Otsego High School, this community is proud of your achievements and wishes you nothing but the best on the adventure of life."

Otsego High School senior Dyllan Hammond (second from left) will enter the Air Force after graduation, while classmate Teegan Slotman (second from right) will join the Marines. (Photo provided)

Storm recovery adds urgency to annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

This year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive comes with added urgency for local families still recovering from recent tornado damage.

The annual drive, organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers, will take place Saturday, May 9.

Residents are encouraged to leave nonperishable food items by their mailboxes that morning, where postal carriers will collect the donations during their regular routes.

For Christian Neighbors, which serves the Otsego and Plainwell communities, the need is greater than usual.

"The recent tornadoes hit directly within our service areas of Plainwell and Otsego, impacting neighborhoods we know well and families we serve every day," Christian Neighbors executive director Jennifer Collins said.

Within days of the storms, Christian Neighbors identified at least 100 households in some of the hardest-hit areas, including North Street, Fair Street, Allegan Street, Court Street and River Road in Otsego, along with 106th Avenue, Miller Road and the Gun River West Mobile Home Park in Plainwell.

"Our case managers have been making contact with each household to assess needs, prioritize urgent situations, and ensure no one falls through the cracks," Collins said.

The impact has extended beyond physical damage.

Christian Neighbors has seen a growing number of families seeking help for the first time, many facing unexpected expenses tied to storm damage. Some households are under-insured or lack insurance entirely.

"We are also hearing from many households who have never needed help before," Collins said. "Families are now facing significant and unexpected expenses."

The organization has already responded to increased demand, providing more than 30 additional pantry visits this month for households that lost food during extended power outages. Overall, pantry visits are up approximately 30 percent year-to-date.

In response, Christian Neighbors has been distributing extra protein and essential items to help families restock freezers, while also assisting with urgent financial needs such as rent and utilities.

"As a trusted, 43-year community resource, we are often the first call people make, or the place they are referred to when crisis hits," Collins said.

The organization is also working to secure additional funding to help cover storm-related expenses not typically included in its programs, such as insurance deductibles, tree removal, roof and siding repairs, and mobile home skirting.

With those needs continuing to grow, Collins said the Stamp Out Hunger drive provides an easy way for the community to help.

Participants can support the effort by placing donations next to their mailboxes the morning of May 9. Postal carriers will collect the items and deliver them to local food pantries, including Christian Neighbors.

Among the most needed items are toilet paper, shampoo, canned chicken, cereal, spaghetti sauce and noodles, oatmeal, and 64-ounce containers of 100 percent fruit juice.

For those unable to participate that day, donations can also be dropped off at the designated box outside the Christian Neighbors building.

"We are asking for your support to help us respond," Collins said. "Your gift stays local and goes directly toward helping families in our community recover and rebuild."

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Wayland edges out Otsego, Plainwell at M-39 Challenge

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Behind medalist honors from Jaden Osterhout, the Wayland boys golf team captured the team title at the M-89 Challenge held at The LYNX Golf Course on Friday, May 1.

Osterhout carded a 4-over-par 76 to earn individual medalist honors, setting the tone for a Wayland squad that finished with a team score of 331.

The Wildcats edged runner-up Otsego and Plainwell, who both posted 337. Hamilton placed fourth with a 346, followed by Saugatuck (347) and Allegan (379). Otsego's second team finished seventh at 394.

The individual win proved pivotal, as Wayland placed two golfers among the top six and four inside the top 15.

Otsego's Cooper Mejeur and Plainwell's Drew Rayman each shot 78 to tie for runner-up medalist honors, while Hamilton's Dominic Schipper followed with an 81.

Saugatuck's Grant Schrotenboer and Wayland's Shane Koon both carded 83s to round out the top five.

Otsego's Roman Busscher, Plainwell's Sawyer McCall, Saugatuck's Nickolas Mohr and Wayland's Carson Sipkema each finished at 84 to tie for seventh.

Rounding out the team scoring for Wayland were Hustler Sok (88) and Brayden Calkins (90).

Noah Kuebler had the top showing for Allegan, tying for 21st with a 92.

"The Wayland Union Wildcats will now be enshrined on our M-89 Challenge Wall of Fame forever. Another fun day of competition at The LYNX," event organizers said.

Wayland coach Allen Curtiss and his team were all smiles after winning the M-89 Challenge. (Photo provided)

Clippers, Trailblazers split twin bill on baseball diamond

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN — It took extra innings to decide the opener, and Haylen Buell made sure it ended in Martin's favor.

Buell delivered a walk-off single in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift the Clippers to a 3-2 win over Saugatuck in the first game of a SAC doubleheader Tuesday, April 28. Saugatuck responded in the nightcap, using a big inning to pull away for a 12-9 victory and earn the split.

The opener was a pitcher's duel throughout, with both teams getting strong efforts on the mound. Martin struck out 10 batters, while Saugatuck finished with eight strikeouts.

Saugatuck grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third inning on a dropped third strike that allowed a run to score, but Buell answered in the fourth with a solo home run to center field to even things up.

The Clippers took a 2-1 lead in the sixth when an error brought home a run, before Saugatuck capitalized on a Martin miscue in the seventh to tie the game at 2-2.

That set the stage for the eighth.

Anderson Keeler reached base and eventually came around to score on Buell's single to right, sealing the win.

"Haylen put the team on his back the first game," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "With the home run and then he came in and closed the door. He continues to be as advertised."

Keeler started on the mound for Martin and allowed just two hits and one unearned run over five innings, striking out four. Buell came on in relief to finish it off.

At the plate, Keeler, Buell and Zaiden Buell each had two hits for the Clippers.

Saugatuck's Holden Burd turned in a strong outing despite taking the loss, going 7 2/3 innings while allowing five hits and three runs (one earned) with eight strikeouts.

"Our pitchers did a good job at limiting free bases in both games," Saugatuck coach Jaden Grigg said. "Holden Burd and Braison Jones have been excellent on the mound all year and continued that trend."

After being limited offensively in the opener, Saugatuck's bats came alive in Game 2.

Martin jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning, taking advantage of an error, an RBI groundout from Jackson Kennedy and an RBI single by Jace Brinkhuis.

But the momentum shifted in the fifth.

Saugatuck erupted for seven runs in the inning — all with two outs — to take an 8-4 lead and never looked back.

"The second game we had one bad inning, they scored all seven runs while we had two outs," Blauvelt said. "We are learning more about our team every game."

The Clippers stayed within striking distance, finishing with 10 hits. Brinkhuis led the way with three hits, while Blake Sweeting added two. Cody Wooten and Haylen Buell each drove in two runs.

Saugatuck, meanwhile, made the most of its opportunities.

"Offensively, we struggled in Game 1," Grigg said. "Martin had a very good staff that limited the entirety of our lineup. We were able to take advantage of free bases in Game 2, which led to our 12-run outburst."

Holden Burd led Saugatuck at the plate in the nightcap, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs, while Nolan LaLonde, Morgan Davis, Soren Peterson and Kevin Vandam each added hits. LaLonde and Braison Jones also scored two runs apiece.

LaLonde also saw time on the mound in relief, while Jones handled the bulk of the innings in Game 2.

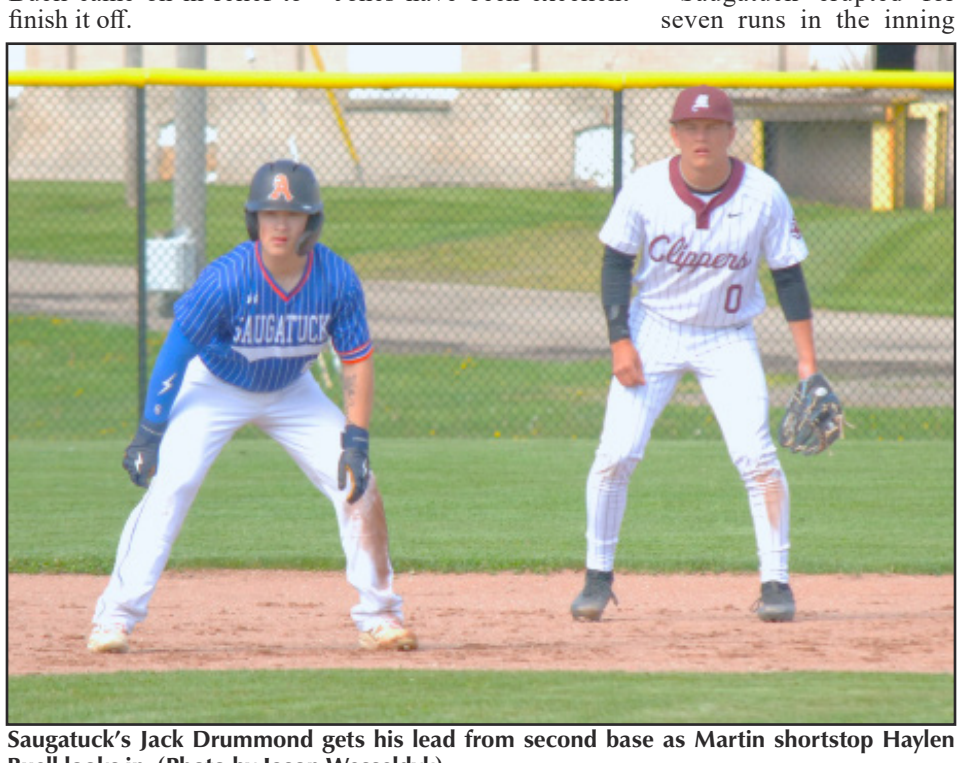
"Nolan LaLonde has done a good job at stepping up in relief when needed," Grigg said. "Defensively, we need to do a better job at limiting mistakes; too many of our runs in conference play have been unearned."

Despite the split, both coaches saw positives moving forward.

"We talk a lot about winning close games against good pitching and we did just that in the first game," Blauvelt said. "We will have to do that in the postseason, so I am really proud of the team for the first game."

Grigg echoed a similar sentiment.

"We look to keep improving, and we will need to play much cleaner baseball if we want to make a run in the postseason," he said.



Saugatuck's Jack Drummond gets his lead from second base as Martin shortstop Haylen Buell looks in. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Tigers dominate during busy week

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

It wasn't just the wins. It was how they came.

Nine matches in five days. Cold weather. Late nights. Minimal rest.

And at the end of it all, the Allegan girls tennis team didn't just survive the stretch — it dominated it.

The Tigers went a perfect 9-0 between April 28 and May 2, compiling a 66-6 record across all flights during that span while putting the finishing touches on a record-setting regular season.

"What an incredible display these ladies put on this week," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said. "Cold weather, tough competition, late nights, and very little rest. Just wow."

By the time the week was complete, the Tigers had not only added nine more wins to their record, but also cemented their place in the program record book.

Among the milestones:

* Most team dual match wins (22), surpassing the previous record of 17 set in 2019

* Tied the highest winning percentage at 22-0

* Most individual dual match wins (162), breaking the previous mark of 122

* Most shutouts (11), topping the previous record of 10

* Tied the longest dual match win streak at 22

"It was an absolutely fantastic end to our regular season," Arthur said. "And we have so much more ahead of us."

Allegan capped the stretch Saturday by winning the Tiger Duals, finishing with 23 points to outpace Otsego (12), Shrine Catholic (8) and Lansing Christian (5).

The Tigers went unbeaten in duals on the day, posting 8-0 wins over Lansing Christian and Shrine Catholic before closing with a 7-1 victory over Otsego.

Allegan's singles lineup led the way.

At No. 1 singles, Addy Fales rolled to three straight wins, dropping just four games combined. Camdyn Drozd (2S) and Ava Thompson (4S) also went unbeaten to claim flight championships, while Kendall Halstead (3S) placed third.

The Tigers were nearly perfect in doubles play.

Ireland Dewey and Madison Cook (1D), Taylor Fuller and Hanna Kievit (2D), Sophia Augustine and Emma Scheffler (3D), Hailey Gauthier and Kaylee Haas (4D), and Addison Martin and Alice Tange (5D) all finished 3-0 on the day to earn flight titles.

The day before, Allegan turned in another strong showing at the Allegan Quad, finishing 3-0 with identical 7-1 wins over Paw Paw, Calvin Christian and Berrien Springs.

Fales and Drozd again set the tone in singles, each going 3-0 without dropping a set. Halstead also went unbeaten at 3S, including a three-set win against Calvin Christian and a tiebreak victory against Berrien Springs.

In doubles, Fuller and Kievit (2D), Augustine and Scheffler (3D), and Gauthier and Haas (4D) each posted 3-0 records. Dewey and Cook added a pair of wins at 1D, while Alexys Blank and Alice Tange picked up a victory at 5D.

The Quad capped a stretch that began earlier in the week with wins over Galesburg-Augusta (8-0), Kalamazoo Christian (6-2) and Black River (8-0).

The Allegan girls tennis team went 9-0 during a busy week, concluding with a win at the Allegan Duals. (Photo provided)

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Jack Cook
Otsego
Boys Track and Field

With Otsego hosting a Wolverine Conference track meet on Tuesday, April 28, Bulldog junior Jack Cook made his presence felt.

Cook finished the night with four wins, three coming in indivudal events.

Cook took top honors in the 100, 200 and 400. He also anchored the winning 4x400 relay team, which edged out Plainwell.

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Otsego girls earn win over Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—The Otsego girls track and field team turned in a solid showing on its home track, finishing 1-1 in Wolverine Conference dual meet scoring during a four-team meet that also included Plainwell, Paw Paw and Sturgis.

Otsego picked up a win over Plainwell (92-45), while losing to Sturgis (83-54). The Bulldogs weren't scored against Paw Paw, as those teams had already squared off this season.

Plainwell finished 1-2 on the day, earning a 70-67 victory over Paw Paw while dropping meets to Otsego and Sturgis.

Otsego's success was fueled by strong performances across multiple events, led by Olivia Klimp and Skylar Mejeur.

Klimp won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 49.06 seconds and added a third-place finish in the 100 hurdles (17.46). She also ran a leg on the Bulldogs' winning 4x400 relay team, which posted a time of 4:15.33.

Mejeur captured the 800 (2:21.82) and contributed to the 4x400 relay victory, while also running on the second-place 4x800 relay team (9:49.05) alongside Adelyn Verhage, Addelyn Sabatke and Alayna Verhage.

The distance group continued to produce for Otsego, with Alayna Verhage placing second in both the 1600 (5:19.54) and 3200 (11:39.92).

In the field events, Madden Fitzpatrick won the discus with a throw of 111-0 and placed second in the shot put (34-1). Audrey Holmes added a win in the shot put (35-10.5) and placed fourth in the discus (82-5.25).

Plainwell was paced by a strong showing in the sprint events, highlighted by a victory in the 4x100 relay. The quartet of Hailey Newcomb, Evangeline Coutu, Nyra Cross and Alayna Ranney finished in 50.89 seconds.

Newcomb (2nd, 12.79) and Ranney (3rd, 12.81) led the Trojans in the 100, while Cross added a fourth-place finish (13.21) and later placed third in the 200 (28.39). Coutu also finished fourth in the 200 (28.39) and added points in the hurdles.

In the distance events, Mai Nguyen led Plainwell with a third-place finish in the 1600 (5:26.54) and fourth in the 3200 (11:45.85).

Plainwell's relay teams also turned in strong efforts, with the 4x200 team (1:51.81) placing second and the 4x400 (4:36.72) and 4x800 (10:38.45) teams both finishing third.

Otsego's Skylar Mejeur (front) and Alayna Verhage compete in the 1,600. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego softball drops two to Paw Paw after sweeping Hastings

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PAW PAW—Otsego's softball team was competitive throughout a Wolverine Conference doubleheader Monday, May 4, but came up just short in both games against Paw Paw.

The Bulldogs dropped the opener 4-3 in a tightly played contest. Otsego finished with six hits, matching Paw Paw's total, but couldn't quite find the timely hit late.

Sydneigh Mosher, Addy Lucas and Alyvia Farrell each contributed offensively, while Mikayla Bateman added a hit and reached base multiple times.

Audrey Lingbeek went the distance in the circle, allowing four runs (one earned) on six hits while striking out seven.

Game two followed a similar script, with Paw Paw pulling away late for a 5-0 win. Otsego was limited to four hits in the nightcap.

Addy Lucas and Audrey Lingbeek each recorded hits, and Rylee Knash added another, but the Bulldogs couldn't generate sustained offense against Paw Paw pitching.

The doubleheader came after a strong non-conference showing at Hastings on Thursday, April 30.

Otsego dominated the opener, rolling to a 15-0 win behind a balanced offensive attack that produced 15 hits.

Lucas highlighted the effort with a home run, while Lingbeek and Bateman each had multi-hit games. Farrell, Maddie Back and Sophia Staeven also contributed hits as the Bulldogs scored in bunches early.

Lingbeek was sharp in the circle, tossing four shutout innings and striking out eight while allowing no hits.

Otsego completed the sweep with a 13-3 win in the second game, again leaning on its offense.

Lingbeek delivered another big swing with a home run, while Farrell, Lucas and Bateman each collected multiple hits. Sophia Pierce and Mackenzie Palmer also added key contributions as the Bulldogs totaled 12 hits.

Lucas earned the win in the circle, allowing three runs over five innings.

Fennville softball falls to Bridgman, Wyoming

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

It was a tough stretch for the Fennville softball team, which dropped four games across a pair of doubleheaders last week.

The Blackhawks opened the week at home Tuesday, April 28, falling to Bridgman in SAC play by scores of 18-3 and 15-0, both in three innings.

In the opener, Amiyah Johnson led Fennville at the plate with two hits, including a triple. Claudia Rasmussen and Rylee Geister each added a hit.

Fennville then traveled to Wyoming for a nonconference doubleheader Thursday, April 30, where the Blackhawks fell 15-0 in three innings in Game 1 and 14-4 in six innings in Game 2.

Freshman Stella Michele paced the offense with two hits on the day. Hayden Johnson, Amiyah Johnson, Veda Seward and Kenzie McIlwain each contributed a hit.

McIlwain recorded six strikeouts in the circle in the second game, while Hayden Johnson added two strikeouts.

Bulldogs split with Paw Paw in baseball

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PAW PAW — Otsego's baseball team earned a split in Wolverine Conference play Monday, May 4, taking the opener 9-3 before falling 4-0 in the nightcap.

In Game 1, the Bulldogs put together one of their more complete offensive efforts of the season, piling up 13 hits in the win.

Brennan Perry and Nolan Whitmore helped set the tone at the top of the lineup, while multiple players contributed hits as Otsego steadily built its lead.

On the mound, Kaleb Hildebrand worked into the seventh inning, allowing three runs while striking out seven to earn the win.

The Bulldogs couldn't carry that momentum into Game 2, where they were limited to just one hit in a 4-0 loss.

Brennan Perry accounted for Otsego's lone hit, while the offense struggled to generate consistent pressure. Paw Paw pitchers combined for 11 strikeouts in the shutout.

Earlier in the week, Otsego dropped a non-conference doubleheader at Hastings on Thursday, April 30.

The Bulldogs were competitive in the opener before falling 3-2. Otsego finished with eight hits in the game, with contributions throughout the lineup, but couldn't quite get the timely hit late.

Hastings completed the sweep with a 7-1 win in Game 2, pulling away after a close start.

Despite the results, Otsego showed flashes offensively across the four-game stretch, particularly in the Game 1 win over Paw Paw and the opener at Hastings.

Hamilton soccer goes 1-1

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—A diversified scoring attack coupled with a stingy defensive effort proved to be a winning combination for the Hamilton girls soccer team against visiting South Haven on Friday, May 1.

Joselyn Paskvan, Emma Slotman, Ellery Rietema, Ashlyn Brown and Kyrza Michalak each scored a goal. Slotman added two assists, with Rietema and Grace Sexton each assisting on one goal.

Zoe Heneveld, a senior in her first year playing keeper, earned the shutout.

The Hawkeyes were on the other end of a shutout on Monday, May 4, falling 3-0 to Unity Christian.

Hamilton coach Brinley Nieuwenhuis praised the defensive play of Ashlyn Brown in the defeat.

Otsego tennis closes out Wolverine Conference play by beating Trojans

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—Otsego closed out its Wolverine Conference dual schedule on a high note Thursday, April 30, taking a 7-1 win over rival Plainwell.

In a matchup that always carries a little extra energy, the Bulldogs controlled play across the lineup, sweeping all four doubles flights and picking up three singles wins.

Hailey Burd led the way at No. 1 singles, earning a 6-1, 6-4 win over Plainwell's Alydia Thom. Ellie Korringa and Alie Bronson also added wins in singles play for Otsego.

On the doubles side, the Bulldogs were dominant.

Mila Garrett and Hope Stender continued their strong season at No. 2 doubles, finishing conference play undefeated at that flight. Otsego also got wins from its No. 1, 3 and 4 doubles teams to secure the team victory.

"This team is in a really great spot to enter the conference tournament and regionals over the next few weeks," Otsego coach Melissa Garrett said.

The win over Plainwell came on the heels of another strong conference performance earlier in the week.

Otsego picked up a 7-1 victory over Niles on Tuesday, April 28, highlighted by a strong showing in singles play.

Burd earned a hard-fought win at No. 1 singles against Cheyenne Small, while Korringa and Lydia Griffith controlled their matches at No. 2 and No. 3 singles. Annabel Trumley added a key win in her first varsity appearance at No. 4 singles.

Doubles play proved more competitive.

At No. 2 doubles, Garrett and Stender rallied for a comeback win in three sets, while Laney Sweet and Rachel Breese battled to secure a win at No. 3 doubles. Emma Gilson and Brooklynn Cockerel added a straight-sets win (6-2, 6-3) at No. 4 doubles.

Otsego's No. 1 doubles team of Stella Houseman and Sara McCaw pushed their match to a third set before coming up just short.

With the pair of wins, the Bulldogs carry momentum into the final stretch of the season, with the conference tournament and regionals up next.

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Wildcats earn sweep over G.R. South Christian

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BYRON CENTER—It took extra innings and a clutch swing, but Wayland softball team earned an 11-8 win over South Christian in the opening game of an OK Gold twin bill on Monday, May 4.

With the game knotted at 8-8, Wildcat Madi Ludema stepped to the plate and drove a pitch to left field for a 3-run homer to provide the winning runs.

Ludema, the starting pitcher, worked a scoreless frame in the bottom of the eighth to seal the win.

Wayland capped the sweep with a 12-5 victory in game two.

The Wildcats appeared to be in control early in the first game, scoring twice in the first inning and eventually building a 7-2 lead following a 5-run uprising in the second frame.

Mackenzie Kositzky drew a bases-loaded walk and Eme Carlson was hit with a pitch with the bases loaded to account for the first-inning runs. In the second inning, Kositzky delivered the biggest blow, launching a grand slam to center field.

Wayland added another run in the third on a Clara Dutkiewicz groundout, but South Christian chipped away and eventually erased the deficit. The Sailors tied the game at 8-8 in the bottom of the sixth, setting up a tense finish.

Ludema went the distance in the circle, allowing eight runs (three earned) on 13 hits. She struck out 10 without a walk.

Kaylee Lown and Ludema each had two hits, while Wayland showed patience at the plate with seven walks.

The Wildcats carried that momentum into Game 2 and never let things get tight.

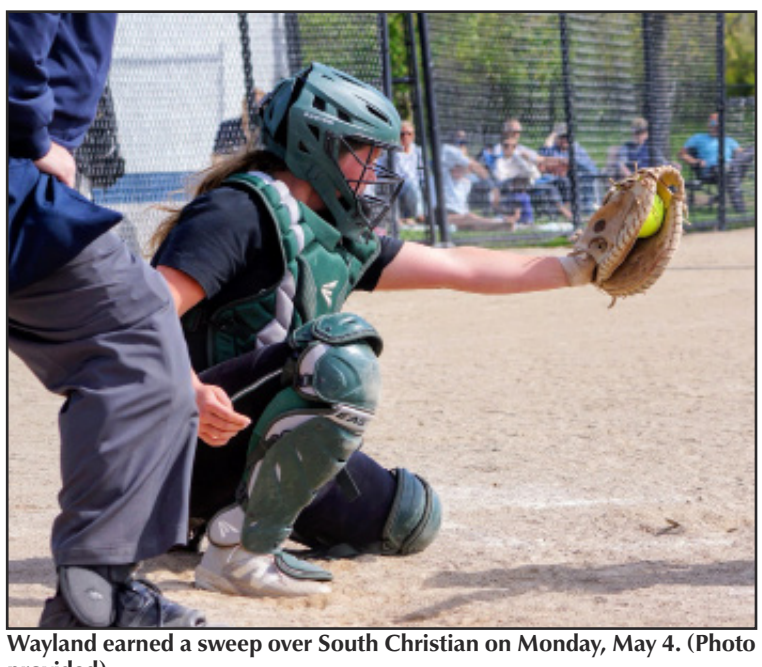
Wayland jumped out early, taking advantage of an error and a Kositzky two-run double to grab a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

The lead kept growing from there.

In the second, Lown and Ludema each delivered RBI doubles before Kositzky added a two-run single. In the third, Lown struck again with a two-run double and Rae Stallard followed with an RBI single as the Wildcats built a comfortable cushion.

Lown led the way at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two doubles, while Kositzky drove in four runs and finished 2-for-4. Stallard added two hits and two stolen bases as part of an 11-hit team effort.

Kositzky earned the win in the circle, allowing four runs on 11 hits over seven innings while striking out six and walking none.



Wayland earned a sweep over South Christian on Monday, May 4. (Photo provided)

Dilley leads Allegan track teams at SAC dual meets

Bailee Dilley competes in the long jump for Allegan. (Photo provided)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GOBLES—The Allegan track teams turned in a number of solid performances Wednesday, April 29, at a SAC meet hosted by Gobles.

The meet was scored as a series of duals, with the Tigers' boys going 1-1—defeating Watervliet 71-62 and falling to Gobles 78-59—while the girls dropped both of their matchups.

Despite some tough weather conditions, Allegan found success across multiple events.

On the boys side, Kellen Chalupa led the way with wins in both distance events, taking the 800 in 2:06.40 and the 1,600 in 4:51.51. He also ran on the winning 1,600 relay (3:51.29) and 3,200 relay teams.

Loghan Murphy backed that up with a third-place finish in the 800 (2:16.24) and fourth in the 1,600 (5:06.12), while Thomas Sigler claimed the 3,200 title in 11:21.86.

In the sprints, Brody McDade placed third in both the 100 (12.17) and 200 (25.30), while Bradyn Kosiorowski took third in the 400 (56.17). Nathan Martinez added a fourth-place finish in the 400 (57.18) and a third in the long jump (17-7), and Chase Clemons placed third in the 110 hurdles (20.59) and fourth in the 300 hurdles (52.69).

Field events also produced points for the Tigers. Hauk Henrickson won the shot put with a throw of 35-4.5, while Connor Dittenbir placed fourth in the shot put (31-3.5) and fourth in the discus (85-5). Brandon Thrash added a fourth-place finish in the high jump (5-5), and John DeLaet finished second in the pole vault (8-6).

Allegan's relay teams were a highlight, with the 800 relay (1:39.68) and 1,600 relay both earning first-place finishes, while the 400 relay placed third (48.98) and the 3,200 relay took second (9:30.96).

Bailee Dilley led the girls effort with another strong all-around performance. She won the 200 meters against Watervliet in 29.36, the 400 in 1:04.44, and added field-event wins in the long jump (14-4.5) and pole vault (11-0). Against Gobles, she added three more first-place finishes (200, long jump, pole vault) and a runner-up showing in the 400 (1:02.76).

Eliza DeLaet paced the throwing events, including a win in the discus (74-9)—a personal best—and a second-place finish in the shot put (24-9). Odessa Barnhart also set a PR in the discus at 48-1.

Nevaeh Williams added a first-place finish in the 100 against Watervliet and placed second against Gobles (14.85), while Anna Billman took second in the 3,200 and third against Gobles in 15:08.66.

Alyxandra Falor contributed with a third-place finish in the 100 hurdles (23.64), and the 400 relay team of Falor, DeLaet, Williams and Aylah Copeland also earned a win against Watervliet.

Cook shines as Otsego boys upend rival Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Jack Cook put together a standout day to lead Otsego to a perfect showing at its home invitational, as the Bulldogs went 2-0 in Wolverine Conference dual meet scoring.

Cook won three individual events and anchored a relay victory, helping Otsego secure wins over Sturgis (95-42) and Plainwell (95-41).

Plainwell also turned in a strong day, finishing 2-1 with victories over Sturgis (69-68) and Paw Paw (73.5-62.5). Otsego wasn't scored against Paw Paw, as those teams had met earlier this season.

Cook led the way for Otsego by winning the 100 meters (11.30), 200 meters (22.10) and 400 meters (50.66). He also ran the anchor leg on the Bulldogs' winning 4x400 relay team that edged Plainwell, finishing in 3:35.02.

Otsego's distance crew also made an impact.

Kenny Sheffer won the 3200 (10:17.24) and added a runner-up finish in the 1600 (4:40.71), while Ryan Long was second in the 800 (2:08.78) and third in the 1600 (4:44.34). George Whitaker placed third in the 3200 (10:41.47) and Gunnar Djerf took fourth in the 3200 (10:51.42).

In the field events, Alex Robbins claimed the discus title with a throw of 157-0 and was runner-up in the shot put (52-1.5).

Otsego also picked up a win in the high jump from Jaylen Newell, who cleared 6-2.

Plainwell was led by several strong individual performances.

Hiro Nguyen won the 800 (2:04.14) and also ran on the Trojans' 4x400 relay team that finished second. Donovan Ryan captured the 1600 title (4:39.67).

In the field events, Sawyer Lilly won the shot put with a throw of 52-9 and finished second in the discus (144-5).

Plainwell's Donovan Ryan and Otsego's Kenny Sheffer finished one-two in the 1,600. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck track competes at Shepherd Invite

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SHEPHERD — In a meet loaded with deep fields and standout competition, Saugatuck's Novella DeGraaf made sure the Trailblazers had a moment at the top.

DeGraaf claimed a first-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, winning in 15.24 seconds while also placing third in the prelims earlier in the day. She added a 13th-place finish in the 300 hurdles (52.28), giving Saugatuck a strong all-around performance in one of the meet's most competitive events.

Competing in the small school division, Saugatuck's girls finished fifth with 64 points, while the boys placed fifth with 68.5 points.

Behind DeGraaf, the Saugatuck girls turned in a number of solid efforts.

In the distance events, Alina Martinson (11:10.49) and Kamryn Sixberry (11:11.24) finished 43rd and 44th, respectively, in a loaded 3,200-meter run, while Sixberry added a 41st-place finish in the 3,200 (11:48.92) and Martinson placed 45th (11:55.24). Lyvia Curtis also broke 12:05 in the event, finishing in 12:03.04.

Ellyse Heyser led the way in the 1,600 with a time of 5:40.17, while she also clocked a 2:34.39 in the 800.

Saugatuck's relay teams also saw action, highlighted by a third-place finish in the 4x800 relay (9:52.03) from Sixberry, Heyser, Curtis and Martinson.

In the field events, Chloe Collins posted a pair of throws in the shot put (24-1) and discus (66-2), while Kinsley Gries (65-11) and Hayden Birkholz (63-11) also competed in the discus.

On the boys side, Saugatuck was led by a strong showing from Charles Robison, who reached the finals in the 100-meter dash and placed seventh (11.38) after running a personal-best 11.29 in the prelims.

Robison also contributed in the hurdles, finishing 12th in the 110 hurdles (16.96) and fifth in the 300 hurdles (42.51), leading a group that included Ashton Skinner and Colton Knikelbine.

Sawyer Monroe (10:00.08) and Grant Rehkopf (10:03.19) both broke 10:05 in the 3,200, finishing 74th and 76th in a stacked field, while Jackson Bowman added a time of 10:21.64.

Ira Brown turned in a solid effort in the 1,600, placing eighth in 4:47.94, and also ran a leg on the 4x800 relay team that finished ninth (9:04.29) along with Sammy Gamboa, Tommy Bullinger and Chase Skinner.

Elsewhere, Alec Diaz posted a personal-best 24.15 in the 200 and added times of 54.16 in the 400, while the 4x100 relay team of Grady Palmer, Brennan Nor, Pete Mitchell and Isaac Cruz finished in 47.89.

In the field events, Lincoln Church (35-1) and Ian Conklin (35-6) led the way in the shot put, while Church added a throw of 103-7 in the discus. Lincoln Leathers cleared 10-6 in the pole vault to place sixth.

Plainwell soccer cruises past Niles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—Plainwell's girls soccer team closed out a three-game stretch on a high note Monday, May 4, cruising to an 8-0 win over Niles.

The Trojans wasted little time taking control and spread the scoring around in a balanced offensive effort.

Anna Eldred led the way with three goals and three assists, while Alayna Eldred added a pair of goals and an assist. Alyssa Weldon, Shea Hodapp and Ella Bridges also found the back of the net.

Lucy Benson and Caitlyn Ridgeway each contributed assists, and Olivia Ranger recorded the shutout in goal.

The win came after a tough 2-1 loss to Forest Hills Central on Friday, May 1.

Plainwell's lone goal came from Alayna Eldred, with Anna Eldred picking up the assist.

Despite the loss, the Trojans were competitive throughout against a strong non-conference opponent.

Plainwell opened the stretch with a dominant 7-0 win over Sturgis on Wednesday, April 29.

Alayna Eldred had a big night, scoring four goals to pace the offense.

Ali Taylor, Weldon and Hodapp also scored, while Emma Taylor, Aubrie Witt and Ridgeway combined for the assists.

Ranger earned the shutout in net as the Trojans controlled play from start to finish.

With the win over Niles, Plainwell moved to 9-3 overall and remained unbeaten in conference play at 4-0.

For The Record

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

May 10, 1951

City Posts $100 Reward to Get Line on Vandals: One hundred dollars reward will be given by the city of Allegan for information leading to the arrest of vandals destroying city property, according to action taken by the city council at their regular bi-monthly meeting held Monday night at the city hall.

City Manager P. H. Bedewais reported considerable vandalism and damage had been done to city property over a period of several months. Considerable petty thievery, breaking of street lights and tampering with parking meters have been reported. Sunday night thieves siphoned the gas from a car owned by one James Mahn and removed the radio from his car, which was parked near his office and residence.

Howard Huitt, Allegan, told the council he had ordered two specially designed sanitary trucks for collecting garbage with the intention of starting a garbage collection business here. He said he planned to operate in Otsego and Plainwell and hoped for an exclusive permit in Allegan.

City Attorney Rex Orton said the city had the right to designate an exclusive garbage collector and set rates, but the council did not take action on the matter.

Councilmen informally approved a suggestion from the city manager for an "open house" next September at the city's new diesel plant.

May 6, 1976

Otsego woman 'fair' after apartment fire: A young Otsego woman remains in "fair" condition this week in Kalamazoo's Borgess Hospital, where she is being treated for injuries she suffered in a fire that destroyed an Otsego apartment building last Thursday morning.

Shirley Silva, a resident of Academy Apartments at 340 W. Hammond St. in Otsego, reportedly suffered crushed vertebrae after jumping from the window of a second floor apartment.

Mrs. Silva, who dropped two children to safety before the same window before jumping, was the most seriously hurt among four residents and two firemen who suffered injuries during the fire.

OTHER TENANTS injured included the building's owner, Owen Pattison, who was treated for cuts to his arm and head and released from Pipp Community Hospital; Jerry Wine, who suffered a broken ankle jumping from a second floor window; and John Mollitor, who suffered smoke inhalation before being rescued from his basement apartment by Otsego firemen.

The blaze gutted the 55-year-old apartment building, doing an estimated $70,000 damage and leaving 23 residents of the eight-unit structure homeless.

May 10, 2001

Winchester Inn may become home of county foundation: The Allegan City Council brokered an agreement removing a final obstacle to sale of one of the city's most visible landmarks. As a result, the Rossman-Winchester House at 524 Marshall St. may soon move from private into public hands.

The Allegan County Community Foundation has already set terms for purchase of the building from current owners Dave and Denise Ferber. The Ferbers run the Winchester Inn Bed and Breakfast in the historic home.

ACCF executive director Lisa Richlich said the $270,000 purchase agreement was contingent on a zoning variance to allow commercial activities by the foundation in the residential-two dwelling.

"That was the last hurdle," Richlich said.

The city's zoning board of appeals had denied the variance due to neighborhood concerns about potential traffic and security problems generated by ACCF occupation of the building. Following procedure, ACCF filed suit in Allegan County Circuit Court to overturn the ZBA decision. City manager Lisa Sutterfield put the stumbling block in a nutshell.

"The current R-2 zoning does not allow an office building in that part of the city," Sutterfield said.

At a special council meeting Tuesday, May 1, city officials offered a compromise. Mayor Craig vanMelle said an Allegan ordinance allows the city council to play the role of arbiter. The agreement answers both neighborhood concerns and ACCF needs, vanMelle said.

May 13, 2021

Allegan County schools are the winners in May 4 election: When the dust settled, only 14-20% of the voters made the decisions on the May 4, 2021 election proposals. Allegan Public, Holland Public, South Haven Public and Zeeland Public Schools asked voters to approve bonding proposals while Hudsonville Public and Zeeland Public Schools requested operating millage renewals.

Bonding Proposals focused on anything from the creation of a new K-5 elementary complex and middle school science wing in Allegan to smaller construction projects in Holland and Zeeland to remodeling and equipping schools, improving instructional technology, purchasing school buses and developing athletic facilities.

These bonding proposals spotlighted the fact that voters would not be paying more school millage than they had in previous years. For several districts, millage rates were slightly reduced. To some would-be voters, a school millage reduction seemed impossible, but because previous millage was being retired, the continuation of those mills would cover the costs of the new projects at no increase to property owners.

The request for $87.5 million by Allegan Public Schools was passed, thanks primarily to Allegan City and Township voters, by about an 18% voter turnout with 1308 ayes to 1107 nays. The approval will not raise school mills on property taxes from previous years as a new elementary is constructed and improvements made to all schools.

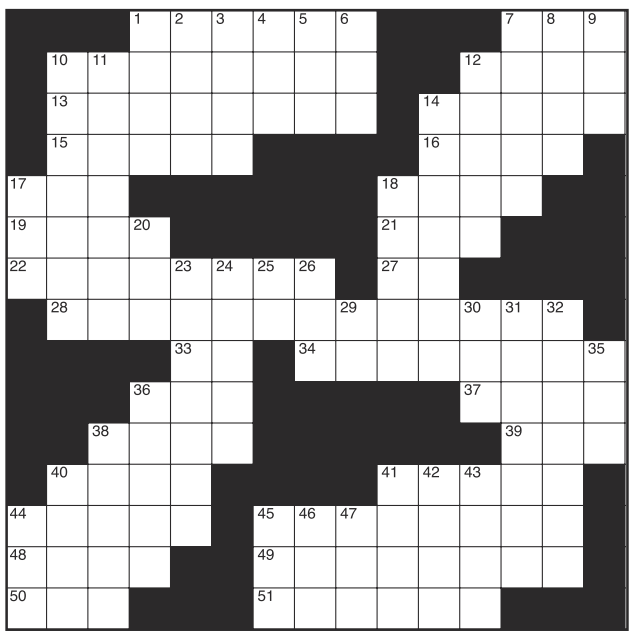
Allegan Public is ready to move forward. The plan is to illicit citizen ideas regarding the new construction and improvements. Superintendent James Antoine shared, "I have a meeting with our architecture and construction management teams. We will be coordinating the next steps at that time. Plus, we will be working on the preliminary work to sell the first series of bonds."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Otsego firemen battled for more than three hours on two fronts last Thursday morning to quell flames that virtually destroyed the Academy Apartments at 340 W. Hammond St. in Otsego. Four tenants and two firemen were hurt as a result of the blaze that did an estimated $70,000 damage to the eight-unit building, most of which was not covered by insurance.

—Van Every photos

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Large dung beetle
7. Gambling game __-lo
10. Further along
12. Type of tobacco
13. Looked for
14. Silk fabric
15. Computer method to solve equations
16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
17. Tear
18. Brews
19. 'Famous' cookie baker
21. Women's Army Corps
22. Front parts of an animal
27. It's causing quite a stir
28. Beloved March holiday
33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
34. More impudent
36. Indicates center
37. Young woman (French)
38. A cause of distress
39. Santa's helper
40. Hillside
41. Many wombs
44. Is afraid of
45. Popular baked goods ingredient
48. Popular computers
49. Conceiving of
50. Google certification (abbr.)
51. Sturdy

CLUES DOWN
1. Peruse quickly
2. Automobiles
3. Razorbill genus
4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
5. Consumed
6. A place to sleep
7. Small seeds
8. Legendary law man Wyatt
9. Female sheep
10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia
11. A place ships dock
12. Reciprocal of sine
14. Discomfort
17. British Air Aces
18. Exit sleep
20. Solar energetic particle
23. Plagues characterized by starvation
24. Short musical composition
25. Trauma center
26. Habitual twitching
29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)
30. Decameter
31. Hinged surface in a wing
32. Shouting
35. Sports official
36. Volcanic craters
38. Supportive device
40. It's part of a rosary
41. Two-toed sloth
42. Body art
43. Let out
44. Foreign medical graduate
45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.)
46. Couples say it
47. Bird's beak

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Deaths

April 11, 2026
ROLF VANDERBURGH, 75, Holland

April 15, 2026
BERNARD LEE BOWEN JR, 76, Wayland Twp.

April 16, 2026
ANDRE CHRISTOPHER CIEPLY, 74, HOlland

April 19, 2026
JOHN L HEUVELMAN, 97, Douglas
KATHY VANAVERY, 75, Manlius Twp.
EUGENE HENRY DETWEILER, 90, Allegan Twp.
JOSE ADAN MARES JR, 28, Saugatuck Twp.

April 22, 2026
BETTY ANN WHITE, 94, Saugatuck Twp.
CAROL ANN LETHIOT, 81, Cheshire Twp.

April 23, 2026
JEFFERY SCOTT PRINCE, 59, Leighton Twp.

April 24, 2026
SMAIL BERRANEN, 90, Trowbridge Twp.
JOHN ALFRED SMALLWOOD, 58, Salem Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between April 21 and April 29:

MICHELLE LYNN RASNAKE, Plainwell, and **JOSE LUIS NAVARRO**, Pullman

ELLA MADISON SCHABES, Plainwell, and **LANDEN AARON SHANNON**, Plainwell

JAY ALLEN KOSTER, Zeeland, and **JORDAN RACHELLE BEERS**, Dorr

BREAUNNA LYN MARIE KERR, Allegan, and **THOMAS RILEY**, Kirkdale

BAILEY RYAN DOORN, Allegan, and **KYLIE GRACE DENBLEYKER**, Hamilton

LAUREN KAITLYN CONVERSE, Hopkins, and **SEAN MICHAEL STENZEL**, Hopkins

GLEN ALLEN BROOKHOUSE, Hopkins, and **CHRISTINE ANN EICHAKER**, Kalamazoo

MEGAN MAE ROSE, Wayland, and **MASON ANDREW DEHNER**, Mt. Pleasant

SYLIS MYKAL BRACY, Saugatuck, and **ALYSSA MARISOL HERNANDEZ**, Saugatuck

AUBREY REBECCA RINGNALDER, Allegan, and **ANDREW JOHN FISCHER**, Allegan

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Public Notices

Allegan County Circuit Court Case No. 25-70574-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE The property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Allegan on the 4th of June, 2026 at 9:00 am, local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: property located in the City of Fennville, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, particularly described as Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 18, Capen's Addition; thence South 298.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence East 198.00 feet; thence South 100.00 feet; thence West 198.00 feet; thence North 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, Allegan County Records. More commonly known as: 320 S Maple St, Fennville, MI 49408 This notice is from a debt collector. Date of Notice: 4/16/2026 Trott Law, P.C.
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STATE OF Michigan
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Juditial District
County Probate
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
Case NO. 26-71744-CH
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Brian J. Bender
1085 42nd Street
Allegan, MI 49010
269-286-2681
v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Carolyn Dawn Hays, Deceased
TO: Carolyn Dawn Hays and Any heirs and/or creditors.
IT IS ORDERED:
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to assign ownership of manufactured home/mobile home. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before Monday, June 1, 2026. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2 A copy gf this order shall be published once each week in the Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
4/14/26
Judge Jipp P80899

NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION
Case NO. 26-71744-CH
Brian J. Bender
v
Carolyn Dawn Hays, deceased, and any known heirs
Notice of Hearing
1. Motion title: Entry of ownership and for publication
2. Moving party: Brian Bender
3. This matter has been placed on the motion calendar for:
Judge Jipp
Monday 6/1/26 at 1:30pm
Courtroom A
4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.
Motion
Motion for entry of an order declaring ownership of manufactured/mobile home, Motion of Entry of order for publication.
4-16-26
4/23 4/30 5/7

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 21, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christian Terhorst, a single man, and Michaela Vlietstra, a single woman, as joint tenants with right of survivorship Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.("MERS"),solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 18, 2025 Recorded on July 22, 2025, Liber 5051, on Page 632, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on April 2, 2026, Liber 5124, on Page 891, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty and 55/100 Dollars ($218,640.55) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 7 and 8, Green Meadows Subdivision, being in the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7, Page 4 of Plats, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 5975 Baseline Rd, Grand Junction, MI 49056 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Allen Armentrout and Christine Armentrout, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated October 17, 2023, and recorded October 19, 2023 in Liber 4895 Page 830, in ALLEGAN County

PUBLIC NOTICE
SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners is seeking Allegan County residents interested in serving on the OnPoint Board (formerly known as Allegan County Community Mental Health Services).

OnPoint operates as a Policy Governance Board created by Section 226 of the Michigan Mental Health Code.

Term lengths for board members are three (3) years. OnPoint Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm with committees meeting prior.

Interested Allegan County residents may submit a completed application to:
Allegan County Administration
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010
Fax: 269-686-5331
Email: administration@allegancounty.org

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Applications are available online at www.onpointallegan.org under "Board" tab or call County Administration at 269-673- 0239 to request that an application be mailed.

DORR TOWNSHIP
MEETING SYNOPSIS
April 23, 2026, 7:00 pm

Board in Attendance: Miling, Champion, Sewers, Tuinstra, Reitz, Weber.
Reports Heard: Police, Fire, Road Committee, Planning Commission, Library and Parks.
Agenda/ Minutes Carried
Invoices/Payroll Carried

Voted On:
A. 4th of July Fireworks Display- Carried
B. Appointment to the Township Board- Carried
C. Appointment to the ZBA- Carried
D. Increase in Pay- Carried
E. Fire Mileage- Carried
F. Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance-Remove
G. Curb and Gutter Requirements Ordinance-Carried
H. DA VandeBunte LLC Rezoning Ordinance-Carried to Deny
I. Solar Energy Systems Ordinance- Removed
J. Kent ISD- Per Parcel Fee and Interest- Carried
K. Kent County Sustainable Business Park Rezone- Carried
L. Dans Resignation- Carried
M. Appointment to Planning Commission- Carried
N. Appointment to ZBA- Carried

Contact Clerk for Draft Minutes
Clerk@dorrtownship.org
Submitted by Debbie Sewers Clerk

CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
DUCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DUCK LAKE 2026-2030 SUPPLEMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLANS AND ESTIMATED COSTS AT MAY 16, 2026 TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING AND/OR WITH DEEDED ACCESS TO DUCK LAKE IN LAND SECTION 36 OF CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE at the request of residents and property owners of the existing Duck Lake Improvement Project Special Assessment District created in 2014 for a 20-year term, the Cheshire Township Board is considering a supplemental lake improvement project in 2026-2030 pursuant to a comprehensive study of Duck Lake by Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS) and the resulting report dated July 2025 recommending, among other things, the following be undertaken in 2026-2030 to supplement the aquatic vegetation and control project previously approved for 2024-2028, with the cost of such supplemental project to be financed by special assessments on the benefited properties in the District that will replace the previously approved special assessments for the remaining years of the 2024-2028 aquatic vegetation control project:

- the deployment of TimberChar filters at selected inlets/drains and other locations on the lake, under the technical expertise and guidance of RLS;
- water quality data acquisition and analysis by RLS;
- technical support by RLS for remediation technologies (including permitting);
- a two-year extension of the aquatic vegetation control project previously approved for 2024-2028 to align the term of that part of the supplemental project with the other parts of the supplemental project, including technical guidance by RLS for the remaining years of the existing 2024-2028 aquatic vegetation control project as now proposed to be extended to include 2029-2030.

The proposed Duck Lake Improvement Special Assessment District within which the cost of the foregoing improvements is proposed to be specially assessed is described as follows:

All lots/parcels or portions thereof abutting Duck Lake or with deeded access to Duck Lake in land section 36, as shown on the existing special assessment district map.

The Township Board has received plans for the proposed supplemental lake improvement project in 2026-2030, together with an estimate of the costs of the project in the amount of $356,365, which includes a 10% "contingency" for inflation-related or other adjustments, and legal/administrative fees of $7,500 for the 2025-2026 special assessment process.

The Township Board at its March 26, 2026 meeting passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to proceed with the requested supplemental lake improvement project in 2026-2030 pursuant to the preliminary plans and cost estimates, without change to the boundaries of the special assessment district as created in 2014. A public hearing on this proposed supplemental improvement project and the estimated costs of same will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st just north of 104th Avenue, Cheshire, Michigan, on **May 16, 2026** in conjunction with a special meeting of the Township Board beginning at 10:00 a.m.

At this hearing/meeting the Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Board prior to or at the hearing, as well as any corrections or changes to the proposed supplemental plans or estimate of costs. The supplemental project plans, estimate of costs, and a map of the existing special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

If the Township Board determines to proceed with the 2026-2030 supplemental improvement project a second public hearing will be held at a later date to be set by the Township Board for the purpose of reviewing and hearing objections to the proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll allocating the costs of the project among the various properties included in the special assessment district. Appearance and protest at such a second public hearing or as otherwise allowed by 1962 PA 162, as amended, is required in order to preserve a right to appeal the amount of any such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of a special assessment roll. Formal notice of any such second public hearing will be published in a newspaper and mailed to affected property owners as required by law. A re-determination of the actual costs to be specially assessed in 2027-2030 for the improvements in 2028-2030 may be made by the Township Board on an annual basis without further Notice if allowed by law. A proposed special assessment roll for a continuation project in any years subsequent to 2030 will not be approved without new plans and cost estimates and a further hearing thereon and on extending the term of the existing special assessment district beyond 2034.

The Township Board tentatively anticipates proposing special assessments for the 2026-2030 supplemental project as follows, but subject to change at the second public hearing:

- $2,909.12 for each lot/parcel abutting Duck Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in five annual installments of $727.88 in 2026 and $545.31 in each of years 2027-2030.
- $1,454.88 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Duck Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one-half benefit unit), levied and payable in five annual installments of $363.94 in 2026 and $272.66 in each of years 2027-2030.

The foregoing hearings and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Cheshire Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

Jodi Pinnell, Clerk
Cheshire Township
1061 37th Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 521-3440

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records, Michigan, and assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 03, 2025 in Liber 5022, Page 300,on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Three-Hundred Seventy-Four and 59/100 dollars ($198,374.59). Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, County of ALLEGAN, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Lots 49 and 50, Davis Addition to the Village, now City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 67. Property Address:539 Davis Street Allegan, Michigan 49010 Parcel No.: 03-51-120-044-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 23, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2603026 - Armentrout, Daniel (VA) - DA

(04-23)(05-14)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Douglas Miller, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: February 2, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 3, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $25,237.09

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 19 and 20 of West Sunset Acres Plat, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats on Page 2.

Common street address (if any): 529 Sherman St, Allegan, MI 49010-1452

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 30, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1591990
(04-30)(05-21)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa Ti Elzinga, an unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: December 11, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 22, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $54,003.27

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 5 and 6 of Sherwood's Addition to the Village (now city) of Plainwell, as recorded in Liber 44 on Page 523, Less the North 2 Rods and the East 50 feet therefrom.

Common street address (if any): 520 N Sherwood Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-1333

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 30, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1591560
(04-30)(05-21)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew M. Gallas, single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Vandyk Mortgage Corporation dated August 31, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 2907, Page 724, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MidFirst Bank by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered for Plaintiff, MidFirst Bank against Defendant, Matthew M. Gallas in Case No. 2025-0000070973-CH of the Allegan County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure was entered on the 6th day of April, 2026, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents ($82,617.50), plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, on the 18th day of June, 2026 at 9:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Monterey, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows: The South 330 feet of the West 50 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 3 North, Range 13 West. Also the West 200 feet of the North 353 feet of the South 683 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 3 North, Range 13 West, Monterey Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly Known As: 3373 132nd Ave, Hopkins, MI, 49328 Tax ID: 16-008-009-21 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: April 21, 2026 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorneys for Plaintiff Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 File No. 25-011533

(04-30)(06-04)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christine Quigley, a single woman, whose address is 130 Edsell Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as Nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, being a mortgage dated December 29, 2021, and recorded on January 4, 2022 in Liber 4715 Page 328, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment recorded in Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Allegan Property Sale

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on May 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the sale of real property as follows:

Sale of the following property on Weeks Street with a parcel number 51-290-003-00 to Brandon and Melissa Genzink:

Legal Description – LOT 7 EXC N 15' THEREOF WEEKS ADDITION SEC 28. (13T).

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed property sale. Please send all written comments to the address listed below.

Carol Canales, Deputy Clerk
City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
(269) 673-5511

CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING PROPOSED SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND 2027-2036 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLANS AND ESTIMATED COSTS AT MAY 16, 2026 TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; OWNERS OF PROPERTY WITH FRONTAGE ON SWAN LAKE AND/OR WITH DEEDED/SPECIAL ACCESS TO SWAN LAKE IN LAND SECTIONS 15, 16, 21 AND 22 OF CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE at the request of residents and owners of property with frontage on Swan Lake and/or with deeded/special access to Swan Lake the Cheshire Township Board is proposing to establish the Swan Lake improvement Special Assessment District for the purpose of lake management, aquatic vegetation control, and related services to improve Swan Lake, and is considering a specific Swan Lake Improvement project proposed to be undertaken in 2027-2036 pursuant to a comprehensive study of Swan Lake by Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS), to be financed by special assessments levied in 2026-2035.

The 2027-2036 improvement project recommended by RLS pursuant to the comprehensive study and the resulting report includes, among other things, the following components proposed to be undertaken in 2027-2036:

- the deployment of TimberChar filters at selected inlets/drains and other locations on the lake, under the technical expertise and guidance of RLS;
- water quality data acquisition and analysis by RLS;
- strategic weed control;
- technical support by RLS for remediation technologies (including permitting).

The proposed Swan Lake Improvement Special Assessment District within which the cost of the foregoing improvements is proposed to be specially assessed is described as follows:

> All lots/parcels or portions thereof in land sections 15, 16, 21 and 22 of Cheshire Township with frontage on Swan Lake, and all backlots/parcels or portions thereof in those land sections with a deeded or other special right of access to Swan Lake pursuant to a dedicated outlot or other private access, as shown on the proposed special assessment district map.

The Township Board has received plans for the proposed lake improvement project in 2027-2036, together with an estimate of the costs of the project in the amount of $361,000, which includes a 5% "buffer" for inflation-related adjustments, and legal/administrative fees of $7,500 for the 2025-2026 special assessment process.

The Township Board at its March 26, 2026 meeting passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to establish the special assessment district and proceed with the legal process for the 2027-2036 project. A public hearing on the proposed special assessment district and this improvement project and the estimated costs of same will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st just north of 104th Avenue, Cheshire, Michigan, on **May 16, 2026** in conjunction with a special meeting of the Township Board beginning at 10:00 a.m.

At this hearing/meeting the Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Board prior to or at the hearing, as well as any corrections or changes to the proposed special assessment district boundaries or the plans or estimate of costs. The RLS study and report, project plans, estimate of costs, and the boundaries of the proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

If the Township Board determines to establish the special assessment district and proceed with the 2027-2036 improvement project, a second public hearing will be held at a later date to be set by the Township Board for the purpose of reviewing and hearing objections to the proposed 2026-2035 special assessment roll allocating the costs of the project among the various properties included in the special assessment district. Appearance and protest at such a second public hearing or as otherwise allowed by 1962 PA 162, as amended, is required in order to preserve a right to appeal the amount of any such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of a special assessment roll. Formal notice of any such second public hearing will be published in a newspaper and mailed to affected property owners as required by law. A re-determination of the actual costs to be specially assessed in 2026-2035 for the improvements in 2027-2036 may be made by the Township Board on an annual basis without further Notice if allowed by law (increase of 10% or less). A proposed special assessment roll for a continuation project in any years subsequent to 2036 will not be approved without new plans and cost estimates and a further hearing thereon.

The Township Board tentatively anticipates proposing special assessments for the 2027-2036 project as follows, but subject to change at the public hearing:

- $4,454.40 for each non-commercial lot/parcel or portion thereof with frontage on Swan Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in 10 equal annual installments of $445.44) in each of years 2026-2035.

- $2,227.20 for each backlot/parcel or portion thereof with deeded or other special right of access to Swan Lake pursuant to a dedicated outlot or other private access to Swan Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one-half benefit unit), levied and payable in 10 equal annual installments of $222.72) in each of years 2026-2035.

- Each of the following commercial properties abutting Swan Lake with multiple mobile home dwelling sites and/or recreational vehicle/tent sites are each proposed to be specially assessed one benefit unit ($4,454.40, plus $210.00 for each mobile home and/or recreational vehicle/tent site), levied and payable in 10 equal annual installments in each of years 2026-2035 (parcel numbers 03-016-003-01, 03-016-012-00, and 03-016-009-00). Note: the specific special assessment amounts on each of these three properties will be calculated subsequent to the May 16 public hearing/meeting and will be included in the legal Notice for the second public hearing on the proposed 2026-2035 special assessment roll.

The foregoing hearings and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Cheshire Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

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clerk@cheshiretownshipmi.gov

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mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 68/100 DOLLARS ($121,836.68). Said premises are situated in the City of Otsego, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: THAT PART OF LOT 1 BLOCK 3 OF PETERS ADDITION DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 98.5 FEET, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 84.55 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID EDSELL STREET, BEING 50.54 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF SAID NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON EASTERLY LINE OF EDSELL STREET 50.54 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 3, THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG EDSELL STREET 170 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 98.5 FEET EASTERLY OF PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE WESTERLY TO PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO: COMMENCING AT A POINT SOUTH 86 DEGREES 14 MINUTES EAST 98.5 FEET FROM NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 3, PETERS ADDITION, THENCE NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 147 FEET, THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES EAST TO KALAMAZOO RIVER, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIVER TO A POINT NORTH 49 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 130 Edsell Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 30, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7182

(04-30)(05-21)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66211-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Debrah Kaye Collins Date of Birth:*8-9-55
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Debrah Kaye Collins, died 5-13-2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Amy Perez, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
5-4-2026
Amy Perez
16933 Quincy St
Holland, MI 49424
615-944-4691

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 26-66209-DE
Estate of Gregory Lee Brabon, Deceased
Date of Birth: 08/06/1952
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Gregory Lee Brabon, died on 03/30/2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Brabon, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date:
Michael J. Becker (P81132)
Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C.
314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010-0239
(269) 673-2136
Robert Brabon, Personal Representative
2097 Forrest Dr.
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-3901

NOTICE OF ACTION AS TO ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR ASSIGNEES OF CONNIE L. GRIMM AND KEVIN R. GRIMM PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is presently pending in the Allegan County Circuit Court, State of Michigan, an action between Plaintiff, US Bank Trust Company, N.A. not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023R2 and Defendants Connie L. Grimm, Kevin R. Grimm, Foundation Finance Company, and any and all unknown claimants, owners, heirs, devisees or assignees of Connie L. Grimm and Kevin R. Grimm; Case No. 26-71881-CH, involving the property commonly known as: 420 105th Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080. You are being sued by Plaintiff in an action brought pursuant to MCL 600.3101. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in the Allegan County Circuit Court, 113 Chestnut Ave, Allegan MI 49010 within twenty-eight (28) days after the date of this notice. You may contact and must serve a copy of any answer on Josie Lewis (P69317) at Codilis & Moody, P.C. at 30800 Telegraph Rd, Suite 1703, Bingham Famrs, MI 48025. Failure to answer within the time frame by law may result in a default judgment being entered against your interests in the Property. (File/Reference No.: 23-26-00041)

(05-07)(05-21)

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM FORECLOSURE SALE is made by MARKUS GLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION (the "Association"), a Michigan nonprofit corporation associated with Markus Glen Condominiums, a condominium established by the Master Deed recorded at Liber 2625, Page 16, Allegan County Records THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECTA DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, may be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

The Association, in accordance with the Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 559.208 and the Condominium Master Deed and/or By-Laws, levied certain assessments and one or more quarterly installments of annual assessments, and/or one or more special assessments, against the real property described as located in the Township of Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan, described further as follows:

Unit 23 in the Markus Glen Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 2625, Page 16, Allegan County Records, and any amendments thereto and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 198, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The co-owner(s) of the aforementioned property is/are: Erik Erickson.

The total amount currently owed for assessments, late fees, attorneys fees and costs (but not including installments of the annual assessment through the end of the Association's current fiscal year, additional attorneys fees and costs incurred after the date of recording of this Affidavit, special assessments accruing after the date of this Affidavit and annual assessments accruing hereafter) is $3,553.10.

NOTICE: On June 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Allegan County Courthouse, 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010, the property described above will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the unpaid amount of the assessments, together with legal fees and costs of sale. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under MCL 600.3201 et seq., under MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 15,
2026 MARKUS GLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
David E. Ryan
Attorney at Law
259 E Michigan Ave, Ste 307
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 275-4085

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Mathew W Prins and Melissa Prins, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 8, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $110,758.91

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing At A Point On The West Line Of P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, 52 Rods And 13 Feet South From North Township Line, Thence West 13 Rods And 14 Feet; Thence North 6 Rods And 13 Feet; Thence East To West Line Of Said P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, Thence Southeasterly Along The West Line Of Said Railroad Right Of Way To Place Of Beginning, Being Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Also, Commencing 759 Feet South Of The North Section And Township Line And The Westerly Line Of P.M. Railway, Thence West To A Point 285 Feet West Of The North And South 1/4 Line Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Thence North 33 Feet; Thence East To The Westerly Line Of Said Pere Marquette Railway Right Of Way; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Line To Place Of Beginning, All In The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Subject To Driveway Easement Set Forth In Deed Recorded In Liber 407, Page 81. Together With Grant Of Easement For Ingress And Egress As Recorded In Liber 981 On Page 173.

Common street address (if any): 3570 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 7, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(05-07)(05-28)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lloyd R. Foster, III, Jennifer L. Foster formally known as Jennifer L. Stratton, husband and wife, whose address is 1198 122nd Avenue, Martin, Michigan 49070, as original Mortgagors, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, being a mortgage dated June 21, 1999, and recorded on July 21, 1999 in Liber 1873 Page 821, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-6, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 17, 2025 and recorded on March 17, 2025 in Liber 5017 Page 759, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THOUSAND SEVEN AND 96/100 DOLLARS ($40,007.96). Said premises are situated in the Township of Martin, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: ALL THAT PART OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, WATSON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE SOUTH 80 RODS, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE EAST 19 1/4 RODS, THENCE NORTH TO THE CENTER OF THE EAST AND WEST

Leighton Township

April 16, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Synopsis

1. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance - 7:00 p.m.
2. Present: Wolbrink, Fennema, Hooker, Bonnema, Bultsma
3. Approved minutes from March 12, 2026 & meeting agenda
4. Report from Fire Dept, Bldg Inspector, Planning Commission
5. Heard Public Comment
6. Approved re-enactment of Ord. No. 2025-12-11
7. Denied FOIA fee appeal
8. Approved Resolution 2026-04-16
9. Approved listed bills in the amount of $104,460.25
10. Heard Public Comment
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Public Notice

In a regular Overisel Township Planning Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30 PM in the Overisel Township Hall the Commission will hear the following request. Travis Dangremond of 8628 Maple Lane Zeeland, MI is requesting a Special use permit to construct residential dwelling on property currently zoned agricultural. The parcel in question can be identified as Parcel number 03-18-007-014-00 Overisel Township, Allegan County MI. All Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. Handicap provisions will be provided by calling the Township Office in advance at 269-751-7030.

Dave Arendsen, Secretary
Overisel Township Planning Commission

TOWNSHIP OF GANGES

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ganges Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th Street, Fennville, within the Township.

Please take further notice that the matter to be considered at the public hearing include the following:

To amend the Ganges Township Zoning Ordinance #65 to create a new Zoning Overlay District, the Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Overlay, as Article 14; to renumber existing Articles 14 through 20 and their associated Sections; to amend Section 19.6.C, Special Land Use Standards for Campgrounds, Private and Public; to amend Article 20 (now 21) to consolidate Variance rules under one section, 21.4, and to amend rules for Variance applications; and, to correct minor errors throughout the Ordinance.

Written correspondence may be submitted to the Clerk at 1904 64th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 up to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing. Or email the Zoning Administrator mtsallegan@frontier.com

Anyone interested in reviewing any related information may examine a copy at the Ganges Township Hall by contacting the Clerk (269-543-8316) during normal business hours. Also available on the Ganges Township Website: gangestownship.org

Necessary and reasonable aids for disabled persons will be made available with sufficient notice to the clerk.

Robin Phelps
1904 64th Street
Fennville MI 49408
269-543-8316

CITY OF ALLEGAN

PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

THE CITY OF ALLEGAN will be holding a public hearing on May 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 City of Allegan Fiscal Budget. Copies of the proposed budget can be viewed online at www.cityofallegan.org. A hard copy of the proposed budget can be viewed at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate, not to exceed 16.1306, is proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget and will be the subject of this hearing.

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped people needing assistance or aid should contact the City of Allegan offices during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 269-673-5511.

City Of Allegan
Fiscal Year 2026/27 Annual Appropriations
By Fund

	2027 Revenues	Fund Balance (Used)/Added	TOTAL Revenues+FB	TOTAL 2027 Expenditures
101 General Fund	$ 6,590,780	$ (1,161,538)	$ 7,752,318	$ 7,752,318
151 Perpetual Care	$ 700	$ 200	$ 500	$ 500
202 Major Streets	$ 1,162,909	$ (598,636)	$ 1,761,545	$ 1,761,545
203 Local Streets	$ 1,417,516	$ (917,243)	$ 2,334,759	$ 2,334,759
225 Grants	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
248 DDA	$ 241,265	$ (63,360)	$ 304,625	$ 304,625
251 PA	$ 101,450	$ 7,500	$ 93,950	$ 93,950
252 Brownfield	$ 37,810	$ 32,810	$ 5,000	$ 5,000
298 Reserve Sinking	$ 58,500	$ 58,500	$ -	$ -
299 Capital Sinking	$ 135,000	$ 45,000	$ 90,000	$ 90,000
590 Wastewater	$ 11,917,072	$ (652,963)	$ 12,570,035	$ 12,570,035
591 Water	$ 7,148,942	$ 432,902	$ 6,716,040	$ 6,716,040
661 MVP	$ 886,090	$ 88,283	$ 797,807	$ 797,807
	$ 29,698,034	$ (2,728,545)	$ 32,426,578	$ 32,426,578

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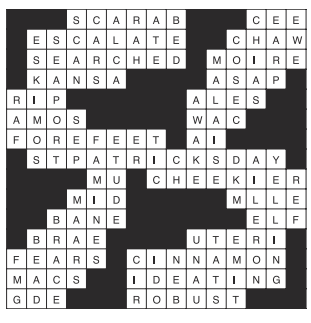

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The Sunday winner of the Allegan Community Players' 12th Annual One Acts Festival at the Griswold Auditorium was Who's the Dummy Now. The young actors had no problem tossing cream pies at the trio from We're Toast. All was for fun with proceeds going to the Players and the Griswold Auditorium. Photo courtesy of ACP

Festival ends in clean sweep for kids

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players' 12th Annual One Acts Festival on the weekend of May 1, 2026, is in the books. The competition was fierce as each day a one act of youth performers went toe to toe with a one act of adult performers. It was a clean sweep as the kids received the most votes from the extremely unbiased and impartial audience.

The winners of the Friday evening, May 1, 2026, performance was *Alien Nation* that out maneuvered *Moving Back*. To the losers went the consequence of doing a live Facebook post explaining why *Alien Nation* deserved the win. It is available on their Facebook page.

Saturday evening found *oRANGE* taking on *Priceless*. Again, the kids of *oRANGE* won hands down with hardly a distinguishable word uttered. The consequence found the *Priceless* duo eating a concoction of baby food.

That left the Sunday matinee when adults needed to show their stuff or be swept. *Who's the Dummy Now* joked their way to victory over the adults' *We're Toast*. The youngsters had no problem pelting the losers with cream pies.

With another successful weekend of live theater finished, the Allegan Community Players look forward to auditions for their summer play which is performed in Mahan Park on June 20 and 21. Auditions will be held at the Griswold Auditorium on Sunday, May 10 and Monday, May 11, 2026, from 6-8:30pm. All are encouraged to come and audition.

The kids from Alien Nation had no problem standing back and watching the trio from Moving Back explain the wonderful qualities of the young actors and their play. Fri., May 1, 2026, opened the weekend of the 12 Annual One Acts Festival: Kids vs Adults at the Griswold Auditorium. Photo: G. Voss

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Time to pick up your ukulele and start strumming *Tip Toe Through the Tulips*. It is Tulip Time in Holland. This week's question: Are you going? Do you avoid it? What are your thoughts on Holland's big festival?

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: "When the kids were younger we used to take them there. We liked the tulips and the Dutch dancing, but after a few years it was sort of the same old same old and the kids didn't want to go. So, I guess it's been a while."

-Older couple, same location; Man: "No, too much traffic." Woman: "And the food is way too expensive. It's worse than the stands at the fair."

-Woman, near the Fennville grocery store: "I guess we should. It's traditional and people come all over to see it, but we never get around to it."

-Man near the Allegan library: "Naw. If I want to look at tulips I got some at home. If the deer don't eat them this year, I guess. Last year they got to them and the lilies."

-Woman, same location: "We had a farm near Hamilton, so we always went. I always wanted to be a Dutch dancer, but my folks said no."

-Friend with her: "That's the way my folks were, too. We grew up strict Reformed, and dancing was forbidden, off limits. I still like to see it."

-Woman near A-Tech: "I go with a friend because we like to see the quilts and art. My husband isn't big on that sort of thing, so it's more fun without him, to be truthful." Sly smile, "And we splurge on a good lunch while we are there. Well, I bring him home some Dutch chocolates."

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "One of the best things I did for my folks, and this was years ago, was to take them to Holland Civic for the Lawrence Welk Show. They always watched it on tv and loved it, so we went. They talked about it for years. Some of the big stars were there."

-Woman, same location: "A couple of us went up there last year and I didn't think it was as good as I remembered it. I told the lady friends that we ought to give it a chance this year, so we're going. I don't know what day, yet."

-Man near the Allegan Post Office: "The wife would like to go up and see the flowers and walk around a little, maybe take in the dancing. So, we're going. You know, 'happy wife, happy life' like they say."

-Man with him, "[name] you are the last of the true romantics. Glad it's you."

-Older couple near Allegan City Hall; Woman: "You know, we haven't done it for a few years. I think I'd like to see if. Let's go!" Man: "All right. We need to get their schedule." Woman: "I'm sure it's on-line. Good!"

Public Notices

HIGHWAY, THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID HIGHWAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH LIES EASTERLY OF A LINE 150 FEET EASTERLY OF (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) AND PARALLEL TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 85 DEGREES 45'50" EAST A DISTANCE OF 88.52 FEET AND NORTH 3 DEGREES 35'30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 35'30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 2000 FEET TO A POINT OF ENDING. Street Address: 1198 122nd Avenue, Martin, Michigan 49070 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: May 7, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7196

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brandon Lee Stevenson, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: August 11, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 18, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $62,678.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 420 feet North of the Section Line of the West side of the following described property for a point of beginning. The East 20 acres of the South 44 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, except that part which lies West of a line 125 feet Easterly of, measured at right angles, and parallel to the survey line of Highway US-131; thence East 210 feet; thence South 420 feet; thence West to a point 125 feet Easterly of, measured at right angles, and parallel to the survey line of Highway US-131; thence Northwesterly along the East boundary line of US-131 to West line of property first described; thence North to point of beginning. Subject to right-of-way recorded at Liber 765, Pages 279 and 280.

Common street address (if any): 1165 126th Ave, Shelbyville, MI 49344-9521

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 7, 2026

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING,
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 26-71727-CH
HON. EMILY W. JIPP
LONA SLITER and FRED SLITER
Plaintiffs
Vs
PATRICIA CARPENTER; and
LEON CARPENTER, each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns,
Defendants
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of

Judgment by Default will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. before the Hon. Emily W. Jipp in the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Allegan, Michigan.

Dated: April 29, 2026

ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Michael J. Becker
Attorney for Plaintiffs

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65642-DE and JUDGE Judge Jolene A. Clearwater

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Mary Elizabeth Griego Date of Birth:*08/06/1955

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Elizabeth Griego, died 01/06/2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Melissa Griego, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 28, 2026
Margaret L. Webb P69048
PO Box 265
Dorr, MI 49323
(616) 681-0100
Melissa Griego
2537 Benjamin Drive
Allegan, MI 49010
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66084-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Margaret A. Kok Date of Birth:*-May 2, 1942

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Margaret A. Kok, died February 22, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rebecca A. Kok, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

May 5, 2026
Warner Norcross + Judd LLP
Raquel S. Sportel P86909
150 Ottawa Ave. NW, Ste 1500
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 752-2054
Rebecca A. Kok
246 N. Cassady Avenue
Bexley, Ohio 43209
(614) 937-1607

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

TOWNSHIP OF DORR
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of this summary of Ordinance 07-26O that was adopted by the Dorr Township Board at a regular meeting held April 23, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-26O: Amends the Official Zoning Map and the text including Permitted Uses of the Kent County Sustainable Business Park Planned Unit Development ("KCSBPPUD" or "PUD") as it pertains to the parcels described below.

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP OF DORR TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TO AMEND THE REGULATING TEXT WITHIN THE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PARK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT "(KCSBPPUD"), TO SPECIFY THE PERMITTED USES AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ARTICLE I. AMENDMENTS.
Section 1. Development Plan Approval. The amended development plan was approved as presented.

Section 2. Zoning Map Amendment. The Zoning Ordinance and Map of Dorr Township, Allegan County Michigan, that map having been incorporated by reference in the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance pursuant to Section 5.02 is amended which affects the nine parcels described below which are included in the KCSBPPUD, Planned Unit Development District. There are nine parcels as described below:

Identifier	Permanent Parcel Number	Address
Parcel 1	PPN 03-05-001-012-00	4784 14th Street
Parcel 2	PPN 03-05-001-013-00	4765 14th Street
Parcel 3	PPN 03-05-001-014-00	4781 14th Street
Parcel 4	PPN 03-05-001-015-00	4795 14th Street
Parcel 5	PPN 03-05-001-016-10	1384 108th Avenue
Parcel 6	PPN 03-05-001-016-00	1382 108th Avenue
Parcel 7	PPN 03-05-001-017-00	4701 14th Street
Parcel 8a	PPN 03-05-001-017-10	4701 14th Street
Parcel 8b	PPN 03-05-001-017-00	4701 14th Street
Parcel 9	PPN 03-05-001-018-00	4692 14th Street

Said parcels combine to produce the total affected area legally described as follows:
PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, DORR TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, SOUTH 88°40'58" EAST 33.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°49'39" WEST 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 108TH STREET WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 14TH STREET; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SOUTH 88°40'58" EAST 888.98 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°42'51" WEST 912.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°20'47" EAST 631.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°42'26" WEST 474.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°01'50" EAST 1043.09 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF US-131; THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES:
SOUTH 11°40'09" WEST 425.83 FEET; SOUTHWESTERLY 1157.36 FEET ALONG A 5829.65 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING SOUTH 05°58'54" WEST 1155.46 FEET; AND SOUTH 00°17'39" WEST 6.24 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 350 FEET OF THE NORTH 830 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, NORTH 00°01'50" WEST 2381.67 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 14TH STREET; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST LINE, NORTH 00°43'41" EAST 480.66 FEET TO THE EAST-WEST ¼ LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE CONTINUING
ALONG SAID EAST LINE, NORTH 00°49'39" EAST 2471.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ARTICLE II. PUD REGULATIONS. This section describes the intent of the PUD, Use Regulations, Bulk and Development Standards within the boundaries of the PUD.

ARTICLE III. SEVERABILITY.
The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and in effect.

ARTICLE III. REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance is ordered to take effect the eighth day following publication of notice of its adoption in accordance with the Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006 as amended. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of Dorr Township Ordinance 04-23O is available at Dorr Township Hall, 3003 142nd Avenue, during normal business hours, or upon request from the Dorr Township Clerk.

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